



The Crumb

Your Weekday Companion at the Bread Loaf School of English

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Today's Tidbits

*"A Book of Verses underneath the Bough,
A Jug of Wine, A Loaf of Bread — and Thou
Beside me singing in
the Wilderness —
Oh, Wilderness were
Paradise enow!"*

— Edward Fitzgerald

Welcome (back) to Bread Loaf!

Opening Night Address: 7:30 PM this evening in the Burgess Meredith Theater, with a reception to follow on the West Lawn.

In this sidebar, you'll find a list of the day's events along with a thoughtworthy quote to ponder. You'll also find a weather forecast, which, given the proclivities of Vermont's weather, will probably be outdated ten minutes after you read it.

Weather Watch

Today

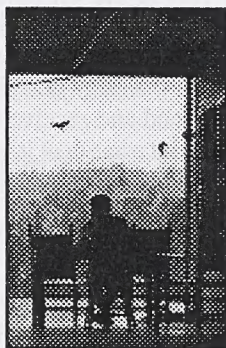
Mostly sunny;
scattered afternoon
showers possible;
highs around 80

Tomorrow

Mostly sunny;
highs in the 80's

Thursday

Continued fair,
highs in the 80's.
Chance of late
showers.



A Wondrous Welcome to One and All

Following our Opening Night Banquet this evening at 6 PM in the Dining Hall, Bread Loaf Director Jim Maddox and Middlebury College President John McCardell will officially open the 80th session of the Bread Loaf School of English and introduce the members of this summer's distinguished faculty. New and old students alike are encouraged to attend to hear news of Bread Loaf's various programs and projects, both for the summer and throughout the academic year. The welcoming address will take place in the Burgess Meredith Theater at 7:30 PM. A reception, replete with refreshments, will follow outside on the West Lawn (inside the Barn in the event of rain or increasingly beastly mosquitoes).

Registration Relegation

All students should stop by the Blue Parlor (in the westernmost part of the Inn) between 9 and 4 today to ensure accurate course registration and billing. You'll also need to complete other registration forms (vehicle cards, health forms, etc.). A representative from the Middlebury Accounting and Financial Aid offices will be on hand. If you need to make a change in your course schedule or have other registration-related difficulties, see Elaine in the Bread Loaf office as soon as possible.

I.D. Ideology

Middlebury College requires all students, faculty, and staff to carry I.D. cards for entrance to certain College facilities downtown (the fitness center, for example). Your I.D. card is also crucial for checking books out of the library. Cards will be distributed during registration or can be picked up in the Bread Loaf office.

The Bread Loaf Office (x. 2783)

Elaine Lathrop, Dianne Baroz, and Judy Jessup keep the whole Bread Loaf operation on track from their spiffy new office in the back of the Inn. They also schedule appointments for Director Jim Maddox. Maggie Favretti and Will Cook serve as this year's Assistants to the Director and will do everything within their abilities to make your summer scintillate.

The Front Desk (x. 0)

Innkeepers Victoria and Edward Brown serve as Bread Loaf's Friendly Folks-in-the-Know and can assist you with just about everything. They themselves are assisted by Peter Newton, John Mancuso, and Heather Morin-Best. This crew will do their best to answer your questions; they also serve as check-cashers, mail-managers, switchboard-switchers, and sporting-goods-specialists. Items lost on campus should be brought to the Front Desk, where it is hoped they will soon become found.

Bread Loaf Taxi

Front Desk staff members offer safe passage to and from the bustling burg of Middlebury every weekday afternoon in the Big Blue Bread Loaf Taxi Van. The van departs from the Inn porch at 2 PM sharp and returns from in front of the Middlebury post office at 4 PM sharp on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays. Tuesday and Thursday trips return from the post office at 3:30 sharp. Sign up at the front desk to reserve seats; students will be given preference in the event of over-booking. Your thankful smile and gracious demeanor are the only charge for this scenic excursion. Service starts on Friday.

The Rape of the Locks

Bread Loaf rooms now have bolts on all the doors, even though some heroic couples still cling to the "open door" days of yesteryear and would just as soon plunder the lot of locks and keys. You can lock and unlock your door from the inside to your heart's content, but you'll need a key to lock it from the outside. These keys can be picked up at the Front Desk. Please note that if you have a roommate, you must both appear at the Front Desk together. Replacement keys cost \$25; if you're accidentally locked out of your room, you'll have to wait until a Front Desk staff person is available to gain re-entry.

Check-Cashing

The Front Desk can cash personal checks for up to \$75 during most business hours. Please make checks payable to "Middlebury College" and write your student I.D. number on the front.

Dailies' Delivery

For some the daily *Crumb* simply isn't enough, so those with subscriptions to lesser tabloids like the *New York Times* can pick up their daily editions at the Front Desk by noon. Be sure to recycle the papers in the appropriate bin once you're sated with the state of the nations.

Bread Loaf Bookstore (x. 2759)

Under the fire escape out behind Annex, you'll find a green door that leads into the world of Heather Morin-Best, Bread Loaf's Bookstore Manager. You'll find all manner of items for sale down there, from textbooks and T-shirts to bug spray and shaving cream. The store will be open from 9 to 4 today and tomorrow. Thereafter, the schedule will return to normal. Heather kindly requests that you purchase books only for your own courses and hold off on others until everyone has had a chance to buy their needed texts. This rule also applies to courses which you may be auditing.

Davison Library (x. 2739 or 2740)

Judy Watts, Chris Brady, and Brent Goeres look forward to meeting your reading needs in Davison Library this summer. Whether you covet a cozy sofa spot by the fireplace to luxuriate in Wordsworth or crave a hardback chair at a desk to tackle post-structuralist theory, Davison's the place to be. You can also peruse their video library and utilize the private viewing room; larger groups can watch tapes in the Milkhouse (next to the Barn) after reserving a time with the librarian. Also watch for special exhibits throughout the summer. The Library will be open from 8 AM to midnight daily.

Computer Center (x. 2741)

Down under Davison library, the Bread Loaf Computer Center features a number of PC and Macintosh computers and printers to satisfy virtually all your cyberspatial inclinations. Computer Center Director Caroline Eisner and her staff of student assistants help ensure that it's all user-friendly and that the mice don't bite. Laserwriter services are available for a nickel a page. Rocky Gooch, the Telecommunications Director of the Bread Loaf Rural Teacher Network, also maintains an office in the Inn Seminar room (in back near the theater). Normal operating hours begin tomorrow. Workshops and training sessions on a number of computer-related topics will be announced throughout the term, so be sure to pick up your *Crumbs* for details.

Telephone Phenomenology

The objective reality is that the Bread Loaf phone system has a limited number of available lines, so please cut to the chase and keep your calls brief so that others may get an outside line. For those who regularly give in to their subconscious urges to burn the wires 'twixt hither and yon, more private public pay phones are placed strategically in the Inn, at Gilmore, and in the booth beside the laundromat. Also, please be considerate of your neighbors and take messages for them when they are away; this will lessen the burden on the front desk staff and speed up the processing of incoming calls.

You can call any campus extension by dialing its number on the phones in each dorm. Be aware that all on-campus extensions begin with "27;" this phone feature is new this year due to the renovation of the on-campus network.

Calls to local exchanges can be made by dialing 9 and then the seven-digit number. Silence after dialing 9 means you got the outside line; you won't hear touch-tone sounds as you dial. A busy signal after the 9 means that no outgoing lines are available. Hang up and try again, and again, and again if need be. Calling card calls may be placed by dialing 9-1-800-and the number of the service. The numbers for some of the most commonly called carriers are posted by the phones. Third-party calls and other unique types of calling services can be handled by the Front Desk staff (dial 0).

To reach the Middlebury College switchboard, dial 9-443-5000 and listen for instructions.

Please observe the posted switchboard hours when using the dormitory phones, and ask your incoming callers to observe them as well. Also, be forewarned that your call may be cut short inadvertently when the switchboard shuts down at day's end. Emergency calls will be routed through to campus at all times.

Fax Facts and Copy Costs

The Bread Loaf Office doubles as the local copy shop for course-required handouts *only*. For all other duplicating demands, please use the self-service pay-per-copy machine in the library. The Bread Loaf Office can also send and receive faxes. Outgoing items cost \$1.00 a page, \$2.00 for international items. If you anticipate receiving a fax, please check with the Bread Loaf office in advance to make arrangements.

Mail Methodology

The Front Desk also doubles as the Bread Loaf Rural Station Post Office. Mailboxes are assigned on a carefully calculated 1:2 box/student ratio, so exercise similar care when sorting through your mail. Incoming mail should be in your box by 10-ish each morning; outgoing mail is collected at 4-ish. U.P.S. shipments should be dropped off between 9 AM and noon on Monday through Saturday. Outgoing letters and cards should be dropped into the mailslot (in the door to the left of the mailboxes). An assortment of stamps and post cards may also be purchased at the Front Desk.

Dining Discourse

To keep you suitably sated and carefully caffeinated throughout the summer, the Bread Loaf Dining Room in the Inn sports a stupendous staff of student waiters and waitresses whose sole mission is to provide a delightful and delectable dining experience. HeadWaiters Kathleen Judge and Trey Martin will manage the crew this summer. **Please be prompt for meals and move along quickly after finishing**, as the waiters and waitresses must clean up and hustle off to classes themselves after meals. Diners are also strongly urged to bring their own travel mugs for take-out beverages.

It's helpful to be familiar with some common dining hall signs and symbols: crossed silverware at a place setting is a time-honored indicator that the seat is occupied. A chair leaning against the table means that the seat is either taken or the section is closed (i.e. no waiter will appear to take your order). Be forewarned that weekend breakfasts are self-service and thus require a higher level of wakefulness than normal weekday breakfasts. This year the kitchen will also test-run a lengthier weekend breakfast period (from 8:30 to 11:00), with a lighter menu available after 9:00.

Guests must purchase meal tickets at the Front Desk, as must off-campus students. Prices have yet to be set for the summer; consult the Front Desk for the current rates.

Snack Bar Basics

For those few who believe that unquiet meals make ill digestions, or for those who just aren't on the meal plan, a snack bar stands tucked in the far corner of the Barn and offers fast-food fare in a casual atmosphere. Returning students should check the new hours and make a note that the snack bar will be closed on weekends. Soda and snack machines are available in the Barn for round-the-clock refreshment. Please bring your own mug if you're coming for coffee.

or tea so that we can cut back on paper consumption and do our parts to preserve the environment. The Snack Bar will be open for business beginning on Wednesday.

Health and Wellness

Nurses will be available in the Cornwall Clinic (across the road from the Inn) to handle most medical situations. A nurse practitioner will also see students by appointment during the summer; check the Clinic door and future *Crumbs* for availability. In case of extreme emergencies, call an ambulance first (9-388-3333), then notify the Front Desk. After hours, call extension 2713 or contact Jim Maddox at 9-388-7703 after calling the ambulance.

Linen Lore and Laundry Legerdemain

The Bread Loaf community washes and dries its laundry in the small white building beside the Barn parking lot. Machines are \$1.00 per load; quarters are available at the Front Desk. Please be patient with the machines; they sometimes prefer to cogitate before agitating. Linen service subscribers may pick up their sheets and towels today at the Front Desk. Henceforth, linen exchange will occur on Wednesdays behind the Inn from 12:30 until 1:00 PM.

Child Care

Bread Loaf's child care service, lovingly referred to as "Croutons," will once again be offered by the Mary Johnson Children's Center at the Ripton Elementary School on Lincoln Road. Those needing more information or wishing to register children should call the Children's Center directly at 388-2853 to make arrangements.

Parking Practicum

There is a deep and dark level of Hell in Dante's *Inferno* reserved for those who flout Bread Loaf's parking regulations. Please park your vehicle *only* in the large lot near the Barn when on the main campus. Vermont State Law prohibits parking at all times along Route 125. Do not park behind the Inn or along any of the campus roads as you will obstruct food delivery and emergency vehicles, thereby jeopardizing the safety and gastronomic integrity of the entire community.

When Exercising, Exercise Caution

Walking, jogging, and biking alongside Route 125 can be quite dangerous, so please be extra mindful of the wild drivers and errant wildlife. Remember: those on foot stay on the left facing oncoming traffic; those on wheels stay on the right with the flow of traffic. The Front Desk will gladly offer safer alternatives for those who wish to exercise in the great outdoors.

Bikers should keep their cycles locked at all times (except when being ridden, of course). Bicycles are not allowed in dorm hallways, doorways, porches, or fire escapes for reasons which should be obvious to mature and responsible adults.

Fitness Formalities

Each summer, community members of all ages and abilities enjoy a number of intramural sports options on campus, including Sunday softball, afternoon soccer, evening volleyball, the "Wimbleloaf" tennis tournament, the Charlie Orr Fun Run, and even midnight ultimate frisbee games. If you feel a calling to become a Recreational Instigator, talk to Maggie Favretti or Will Cook, or drop a note to the *Crumb* to print a plea for potential partners and team-

mates. The Front Desk has some sports equipment available for public use (volleyballs, a croquet set, and one or two rather low-strung tennis racquets). They also have local trail maps and regional guidebooks.

The downtown Middlebury Campus offers an impressive natatorium (that's a fancy swimmin' hole to us ordinary folk) and an extensive fitness center with both aerobic (Stairmasters, rowers, treadmills, and bicycles) and weight-training (freeweights and Nautilus) equipment. Schedules and phone numbers are on the back page. Remember that you *must* bring your I.D. with you for admission to the downtown facilities.

This summer, Maggie Christinat has expressed an interest in leading regular yoga sessions in the Bikram style. Check with her for more information or watch for further announcements in the *Crumb*.

No Smoke, No Fire

Vermont's strict antismoking regulations prohibit cigarette smoking in *all* public buildings, both here on campus and in Vermont proper. Campus smoke detectors are sensitive and might be set off by cigarette smoke; if this happens to you, air out your room and fan the smoke away from the alarm. If the alarm beeps, buzzes, chirrups, or twitters intermittently, it's simply telling you in Alarmese that it needs a new battery. The Front Desk will gladly assist in correcting the problem. If you must smoke despite Vermont's explicit insistence to the contrary, please put out your butts in the ash cans provided for that purpose. The Front Desk staff also requests that smokers refrain from indulging in the front of the Inn as the smoke blows back into the office and lobby area.

Hot plates, refrigerators, and coffee makers are contraband at Bread Loaf due to their intense wattage or high potential as fire hazards. Should they be found in your room, they will be commandeered and priced to move at one of the area's many flea markets.

Paradise Recycled

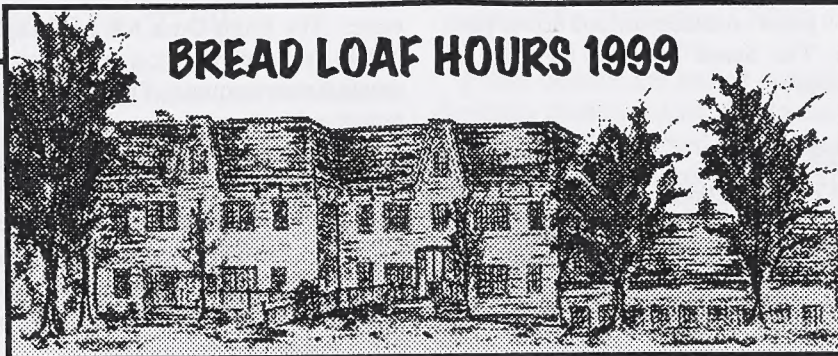
Bread Loaf's beautiful landscape is perhaps its greatest treasure, and so we encourage you to do your part to maintain the splendor of our environment. This includes turning off lights after leaving a classroom, using travel mugs when possible, and following the recycling instructions posted around campus. Recycling in Vermont is mandatory, so please sort your trash accordingly and utilize the proper recycling bins. Dead batteries should be brought to the box near the Front Desk for proper disposal.

Your Constant Companion, the *Crumb*

You'll learn a lot of interesting things during your summer at Bread Loaf. For example, did you know that the word "companion" derives from a Latin phrase meaning "one who eats bread with another?" How fitting, then, that the *Crumb*, the humble publication you're regarding with scrutiny and bemusement this very instant, should appear in the dining hall at lunch each and every weekday. Copies are also available at the Front Desk and at the Library. The *CyberCrumb*, a "paper-impaired" reproduction of the *Crumb*, is posted each day in BreadNet's CyberBarn area and thereby reaches out to our sister sites in New Mexico, Alaska, and England.

Crumb Editor and Mountain Media Mogul Hugh Coyle encourages creative community input, so if you have an announcement, observation, sketch, photograph, cartoon, poem, or other sundry item you'd like to share, drop your submission off at the Front Desk by 8:00 a.m. for potential publication in that day's edition.

BREAD LOAF HOUSE 1999



Dining Hall Meals	Daily	Breakfast: 7:30—8 AM weekdays 8:30—11 AM weekends (lighter fare after 9) Lunch: 12:45—1:15 PM Dinner: 6—6:30 PM
Snack Bar (x. 2743)	Weekdays only	8—11 AM and 3—10 PM
Front Desk (x. 0)	Monday - Saturday Sunday	8 AM—8 PM 9 AM—8 PM
Switchboard (for incoming calls)	Monday - Saturday Sunday	8 AM—11 PM 9 AM—11 PM
Bread Loaf Bookstore (x 2759)	Monday and Friday Tuesday and Thursday Wednesday	8—11:30 AM 10—12:30 PM 11 AM—noon and 1:30—3:30 PM
Library (x. 2739)	Daily	8 AM—midnight
Bread Loaf Office (x. 2783)	Monday - Friday	8 AM—12:45 PM 2—4 PM
Computer Center (x. 2741)	Monday - Friday Saturday Sunday	8:30 AM—midnight 9 AM - 9 PM 9 AM—midnight
Infirmary (x. 2714)	Monday - Friday Weekends	8 AM—4 PM 10 AM—4 PM
Field House and Fitness Ctr. (443-5000, x. 5840)	Monday - Friday Weekends	8:30 AM—8:45 PM 9—3:45 PM
Swimming Pool (443-5000, x. 5246)	Monday - Friday Weekends	6:30—8 AM (adults only) 11:30 AM—2 PM 3—9:45 PM 9 AM—3:45 PM
EMERGENCY NUMBERS	AMBULANCE POLICE FIRE	388-3333 388-3191 388-2217



The Crumb

Bread Loaf School of English
Vermont Campus
"Home for the Homilies"

Volume 80, Number 2

Wednesday, June 23, 1999

Today's Tidbits

"What one knows is, in youth, of little moment; they know enough who know how to learn."
— ?

(see last news item)

Today's Events:

Senior Reception: 5:00 PM, Earthworm
Volleyball: After dinner, northeast field
Theater Auditions: 7:30 PM, Burgess Meredith Theater

Dinner Menu

Roast Turkey with Cranberry Combread stuffing or Turkish Winter Vegetable Soup; mashed potatoes; veggie medley (peas, pearl onions, and mushrooms); banana bread; and ice cream for dessert.

Weather Watch



Today

Mostly sunny, highs in mid 80's.

Tomorrow

Partly cloudy, highs around 80.

Friday

Mostly cloudy, highs around 80.

The Senior Scene

Members of the senior class are invited down to Earthworm Manor, the summer home of Director Jim Maddox, for a reception in their honor from 5-6 this afternoon. Final-summer students will meet once again on Friday afternoon from 5-6 in the Blue Parlor to discuss Commencement preparations and to elect their class president. Check in with the Bread Loaf office if you won't be able to attend.

Casting for Kings

The theater program at Bread Loaf is one of the Mountain's most unique and exciting aspects, and this year will be no exception. With five—count 'em, five—plays planned for our six-week schedule and visits from such distinguished playwrights as David Henry Hwang (author of *M. Butterfly* and the Bread-Loaf-premiered *Golden Child*), there will truly be something for everyone this theater season. Such an active program relies on the input and participation of the entire Bread Loaf community, so if you've ever had a hankering to act on stage or to build props in the set shop, now's the time to capitalize on the opportunity.

Accordingly, auditions for a number of roles in both the *Henriad* (four of the royal history plays written by William Shakespeare) and *Twisted* (written by former *Crumb* Editor Billy Aronson) will be held this evening beginning at 7:30 in the Burgess Meredith Theater. No prior preparation is needed; just show up and have a go at it. At this time, anyone interested in helping out behind the scenes is also encouraged to stop by and volunteer their services. Details about the roles and expectations should have arrived in your mailbox already; if you haven't received the information, check with the Bread Loaf office for an extra copy.

Bread Loafers are also reminded that most rehearsals for the plays are open to the community. This affords us all with a rare chance to glimpse all that goes into the making of a major production. Feel free to drop in on the process most evenings in the Theater.

On a more specific note, the theater department currently seeks someone (preferably a woman) who can speak Welsh. "Anyone who can speak something approximating Welsh will do in a pinch," says stage manager Amy Stern. See her if you can help out in this regard.

Tickets for the various performances will be available in the near future; check for announcements in the *Crumb* from Box Office manager Nan Leverett (who celebrates her birthday today!).

First-Summer Student Reception

Even after their well-deserved round of applause during last night's Opening Night remarks, first-time students here at the Bread Loaf campus will be welcomed once again tomorrow afternoon from 5-6 at a reception to be held on the front lawn of Earthworm Manor (the white house to your right just west of campus on Route 125). Faculty and staff members will also be on hand for this annual mixer. In the unlikely event of rain, the festivities will move indoors at the Manor.

Diners Face Dire Straits

As you may already be well aware, Bread Loaf's dining hall operates smoothly and efficiently in large part due to the generous efforts of our work-study waitstaff. This summer, the waitstaff has seven vacancies, and HeadWaiters Kathleen Judge and Trey Martin would like YOU to consider signing up for one of them. Work-study positions pay for room and board and provide you with all manner of benefits, the greatest of them being the company you'll keep with this hard-working yet fun-loving corps. Substitutes are also needed on occasion for various shifts; the going rate is \$7 per meal. For more details, check with the Bread Loaf office or one of the Headwaiters, and do so soon lest we all suffer the consequences of a short-staffed feed-hall.

Yoga Sessions Scheduled

Maggie Christinat is pleased to offer yoga sessions in the Bikram style each weekday to all that are interested. "Bikram is a set style of yoga that includes 41 poses," Maggie writes. "The class will focus on balance, strength, and stretching. Please wear loose, comfortable clothing and bring plenty of water." There will be no charge for the sessions, which will take place on Mondays, Wednesday, and Fridays at 6 AM (yes, that's in the morning) in Barn A and at 5 PM (yes, that's in the afternoon) on Tuesdays and Thursdays in Barn 2. Check with Maggie if you have any questions or concerns about your possible participation.

Calling All for Volleyball

The songbirds chirping in the early morning light, the logging trucks downshifting in front of the Inn, Professor David Huddle calling out "volleyball" as he walks across the field behind Maple...such are the sounds of summer here at Bread Loaf. Our sports season gets underway this evening with a pick-up volleyball game on the courts to the east of the Barn. No experience

is necessary to join in the fun, though a generous rubdown with bug juice is well advised before playing. Henceforth, volleyball will commence each evening after dinner, providing players with a picture-perfect spot from which to watch the sunsets.

Reading Series Seeks Emcee

Each summer at Bread Loaf, the Blue Parlor Reading Series offers Bread Loafers a chance to share their creative work with the rest of the campus via informal readings on Sunday evenings. A coordinator for this summer's series is needed ASAP; duties include scheduling the presenters and serving as host or hostess for the hour-long events. Anyone interested should check in with the Bread Loaf office for more details or to apply for the position.

Virgin Cinema

Bread Loaf's first Friday night film will be the Academy Award-nominated 1998 feature "Elizabeth," which depicts the rise to the throne of England's Virgin Queen. Screen time is 9 PM in the Barn; come early to arrange for the most comfortable seating. Upcoming features this summer include "Little Shop of Horrors," "Chimes at Midnight," "My Little Chickadee," "Avalon," and the return of an olden-day Bread Loaf tradition, "The Rocky Horror Picture Show." More on them all as the summer progresses.

The Do's and Don'ts of Do-Sa-Dos

Freshen up your folk-dancing skills this Saturday night as Francis Cram and his old-time band come to the Barn for some foot-stompin' fun, square-dance style. Caller Tom Bahre will lead you through the ins and outs of ducks and dives and make sure that you have a great time, no matter your ability to differentiate between an allemande left and a right-handed Texas star. The partner-swinging starts at 9 PM; frothy beverages and other learning aides will be available.

Sitters Sought

Professor Jennifer Green-Lewis seeks some part-time babysitting assistance throughout the summer (occasional evenings and perhaps odd meal times) for two delightful children. If you'd like to be considered for the job on one or more instances, please be in touch with her as soon as possible.

Parking Prohibition

The Front Desk staff reminds one and all that there is no parking directly in front of the Inn (that space is needed for deliveries and handicapped access) or on the campus access roads, and that all student vehicles should be parked in the lot near the Barn. Innkeeper Ed Brown promises to be "very, very strict" with offenders this summer. Since Ed also assembles our annual slide show for the close of the session, you could save yourself endless embarrassment and public humiliation by taking heed of his warnings now.

Imprimis Erratum

Amidst the chaos of opening day, the *Crumb* committed its principal slip-up in omitting Sandy LeGault's name from the list of Bread Loaf office staff. The editor regrets the oversight.

Addenda to the 1999 Bread Loaf Course Catalog

The following course listings were inadvertently omitted from the 1999 catalog:

307. Sermons on the Mountain: A Practicum in Waxing Homiletic (Mr. Barth)

Devoted entirely to Joseph Battell's landmark novel *Ellen, or the Whisperings of an Old Pine*, this course will consider the life lessons, both explicit and implicit, within the text and utilize these as starting points for the creation of our own homilies. Questions of the origin and evolution of meaning and metaphor will coincide with various field trips in and around the Bread Loaf campus as we gather and reshape experience into speeches, sermons, and opening addresses. Via BreadNet, we shall investigate the significance of the "virtual homily" and expand upon the moral and ethical potential inherent in the on-line "chat."

444. Beyond Henry: Reconsidering the Illiad (Dr. Maddox)

In this course, we shall explore the connections between Shakespeare's "Henriad" and a famous quartet of books displaying visible symptoms of modernism and latent tendencies toward the postmodern. Texts will include *Nausea* by Jean-Paul Sartre, *The Plague* by Albert Camus, *Death in Venice* by Thomas Mann, and *As I Lay Dying* by William Faulkner. To register, sign up at the outpatient window of the Bread Loaf office. Students must present verifiable proof of vaccination against diphtery and tetanus prior to the first class meeting.

Educational "Henriad" Contains Copious Quotes

Back by popular demand, the Quote-of-the-Day™ contest provides the more competitive readers of the *Crumb* with an opportunity to test their literary acumen by identifying the author and/or the source of the daily quote in the "Today's Tidbits" column. Quite often, one or more clues are provided in the final headline of the daily edition, though they can be somewhat sneaky at times (as is true of today's above). Send your guess in to the *Crumb* (via the Front Desk or BreadNet) by breakfast tomorrow for inclusion in the Winners' Circle and possible prizes by the end of the summer.



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Bread Loaf School of English
Vermont Campus
"Where What's Done is Donne."

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Thursday, June 24, 1999

Today's Tidbits

"Summer afternoon—summer afternoon; to me those have always been the two most beautiful words in the English language."
— ?

(see last news item)

Today's Events:

Reception for First-Year Students: 5–6

PM, Earthworm Manor

Bikram Yoga Session:

5 PM, Barn 2; tomorrow

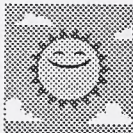
at 6 AM, Barn A

Volleyball: After dinner, northeast field

Dinner Menu

London Broil or Potato and Mushroom au Gratin; fennel salad with citrus vinaigrette, green beans, wild and brown rice pilaf, whole wheat rolls, and blueberry cobbler for dessert.

Weather Watch



Today

Partly cloudy, highs in mid 80s.

Tomorrow

Mostly cloudy, highs in the high 70s.

Weekend

Fair with a chance of thunderstorms, highs nearing 90.

Propitious Mixer for Mountain Initiates

Students new to the Bread Loaf campus are invited to the front lawn of Earthworm Manor (go west, young Loafers: Earthworm is the white house to your right as you head toward Ripton along Route 125) this afternoon from 5–6 for a reception. This is a prime opportunity for students to meet one another and to mix with the Bread Loaf staff, many of whom will be of great service to you in the weeks ahead. Contrary to yesterday's announcement, the Bread Loaf faculty will not be attending this event; students will be invited to meet and mingle with the Mountain's mentors at the Treman receptions, which are held throughout the course of the summer.

Bikram for the Bookish

A reminder that Maggie Christinat will lead regular yoga sessions in the Bikram style each weekday for all that are interested, no matter what your level of experience. Don't forget to dress in loose, comfortable clothing and bring along a bottle of water. Sessions will take place on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday mornings at 6:00 in Barn A, and on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons at 5:00 in Barn 2. Drop in as you please; you do not need to attend every session.

Blue Parlor Preliminaries

Bread Loafers interested in sharing their creative works with the Mountain community are encouraged to sign up for Blue Parlor reading spots (normally 10–15 minutes each) at the Front Desk. Dates will be available on a first-come, first-served basis. The well-attended weekly Sunday night presentations will debut three days hence, though a host or hostess is still sought for the series. Stop by the Bread Loaf office if you'd like to serve as the master or mistress of ceremonies.

"Henriad" Specialist Presents Drew Lecture

Harry Berger, Professor Emeritus of English at the University of California/Santa Cruz and a world-renowned scholar on Shakespeare, will deliver this summer's highly regarded Elizabeth Drew lecture next Monday evening at 7:30 in the Burgess Meredith Theater. Berger will speak on aspects of Shakespeare's "Henriad" and offer the community an excellent context in which to consider the upcoming theatrical productions. All are encouraged to attend what is quite often the foremost academic event of the summer.

Queen on the Screen

"Elizabeth" will grace the silver screen in the Bread Loaf Barn tomorrow evening beginning at 9:00. The film concerns the rise of England's "Virgin Queen" and stars Cate Blanchett and Joseph Fiennes. The movie is free and open to one and all; come a bit early for the best seating—you've got to be quick to pick wicker.

Be There and Be Square

Francis Cram and his country band will be on hand this Saturday night for a reelin' and rollickin' square dance in the Barn. No experience is necessary, as caller Tom Bahre will lead you through all the necessary steps. Veteran Bread Loafers are expected to know all the words to "Golden Slippers" by now; seniors who fail to sing them exactly and exuberantly will not be allowed to graduate. The festivities begin at 9 PM, with snacks and beverages provided.

Wait-Bait

In order to sweeten the pot for prospective waitstaff members, HeadWaiters Kathleen Judge and Trey Martin offer the following incentives to those considering the workstudy positions, which pay for room and board and help fill out the currently short-handed dining hall team:

- All-you-can-eat meals (no more small portions)
- Frequent opportunities to ring the Bread Loaf Bell
- Additional income opportunities
- Special invitations to exclusive social events
- Guaranteed moose sighting by the end of the session

See Judge or Trey at mealtimes if you're interested, or if you'd like to add your name to list of available substitutes, who are paid \$7 per meal as needed.

Choristers Sought for First Rehearsal

Jonathan Freeman (the student, not Jonathan Freedman the professor) has graciously agreed to lead the Bread Loaf Madrigalists this year as the group rehearses for a late-summer concert and an appearance at the commencement ceremony. All those interested in singing with the group are encouraged to attend the first rehearsal on Monday at 4:45 PM in the Barn. No prior vocal experience is necessary, just a desire to "sing, and build the lofty rhyme," as Milton wrote. Thereafter, rehearsals will take place each Monday and Wednesday afternoon from 4:45–5:45.

The Medium is the Massage

Pat Schmitter, a nationally certified massage therapist, will visit the Bread Loaf campus on Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday afternoons for those seeking relief from writer's cramp, hard-backed Adirondack chair stiffness, and other text-related stressors, as well as those just looking for a feel-good physical overhaul. The massage therapy session consists of a combination of Swedish massage, foot reflexology, and acupressure. Appointments are available beginning today; an hour-long session costs \$50. Sign up outside of the Cornwall Clinic if interested.

The Sports Section

The newly dubbed Mr. and Mrs. Volleyball (a.k.a. Acting Ensemble members Brian McEleney and Ellen McLaughlin) christened the courts with humor, grace, and sore wrists last evening as Bread Loaf's volleyball season got off to a rousing start. The Player of the Day award goes to Micah Wolf, who served up a storm despite suffering a bloody nose in the third game. Volleyball will continue each and every fair night following dinner. First one out to the courts should stop by the Front Desk to retrieve the ball.

Meanwhile, Bread Loaf's ultimate Frisbee squad brought out record numbers for its first session. The season promises to be as fast-paced as ever, though newcomers to the game are always welcome. Check future *Crumbs* for play times (traditionally Wednesday eves and Sunday afternoons at 4, with occasional extra games scheduled as needed or desired).

Bread Loaf's softball season is set to start on Sunday afternoon at 2:00. All are invited to the northeast field for this weekly event. A number of gloves are available for those in need, though if you have your own it's best to bring it along. Softball was Frost's game of choice here on the Mountain; come pay homage by knocking one into the woods this weekend.

HeadWaiter Seeks Help with Hotrod

HeadWaiter Kathleen Judge seeks someone who can fix up her broken down Grand Prix along Route 125 before it gets towed or Innkeeper Ed Brown comes after her with a lecture on proper parking. If you can be of assistance, contact her in the dining hall at mealtimes or via intercampus mail.

Memorable Memo

Note to the *Crumb*: "Anybody interested in the traditional board game 'Memory' please contact Sabine."

What Henry Knew

Kudos to Robert Berman, Colleen Ruggieri, and Liz Bedell, all three of whom correctly identified Henry Adams as the author of yesterday's Quote-of-the-Day™, an excerpt from his classic memoir *The Education of Henry Adams*. Today's quote is a bit trickier, particularly since it comes not from this famous writer's own work, but from Edith Wharton's autobiography *A Backward Glance* (and therein lies a bonus clue). Guesses at the identity of today's speaker are due at *Crumb* Central (via the Front Desk or the *CyberCrumb's* e-mail) by breakfast tomorrow.



The Crumb

Bread Loaf School of English
Vermont Campus
"Giving New Meaning to Barns and Nobles."

Volume 80, Number 4

Friday, June 25, 1999

Today's Tidbits

"Peoples bore me,
literature bores me,
especially great
literature,
Henry bores me, with
his plights &
gripes
as bad as achilles,
who loves people and
valiant art, which
bore me."
— ?

Today's Events:

Senior Meeting: 5 PM,
Blue Parlor
Volleyball: After dinner,
northeast field
Ultimate Frisbee: 7
PM, field
"Elizabeth" (movie):
9 PM, Barn

Dinner Menu

Sea Scallop Puttanesca
or Spinach Lasagna;
cous cous with mixed
vegetables, broccoli/
pepper sautee, garlic
bread, and carrot cake
for dessert.

Weather Watch



Today

Mostly cloudy,
highs in the 70's.

Weekend

Hazy and hot with a
chance of thunder-
storms, near 90.

Senior Assembly

Members of Bread Loaf's Class of 1999 are asked to gather this afternoon at 5:00 in the Blue Parlor for a very important meeting. Plans for commencement will be discussed, and elections will determine various officers and honored affiliates for the summer. Stop by the Bread Loaf office sometime today if you absolutely cannot make the meeting.

Fine Fare for Fellows

Students who are DeWitt Wallace, Annenberg, SCORE, Ohio Rise, or Kentucky Fellows are invited to a reception tomorrow afternoon at 5:00. Refreshments will be served on the Earthworm Manor lawn. In the event of inclement weather, the whole shebang will shuttle indoors at Earthworm.

Film "Elizabeth" Casts Cinematic Spell

Tonight's film, "Elizabeth," features an amazing cast (Cate Blanchett, Joseph Fiennes, Geoffrey Rush, John Gielgud, and Richard Attenborough) in a visually stunning depiction of the political, religious, and personal upheaval engulfing the young queen in 1554. Says Pat Travers of *Rolling Stone*: "This hellcat Virgin Queen is something to see!" The movie gets underway at 9:00 in the Barn; a guest appearance by the harmless yet always entertaining Barn Bat might make things that much more interesting for film-goers.

Initial Dance a Traditional Mixer

Join Francis Cram and his country band for an old-style square dance tomorrow night in the Barn. Caller Tom Bahre will be on hand to teach you everything you need to know and keep you from diving when you should be ducking. The dance is a great way to mingle with friends, old and new alike, and affords students with an opportunity to see the Bread Loaf faculty in their finest form. The swinging gets underway at 9 PM; light fare and frothy beverages will be provided.

Directors Seek Class Actors

Alan MacVey writes: "Actors are needed for the Directing Workshop. Students direct short scenes and are looking for people of all ages to perform. Some scenes are presented in class, and final scenes will be performed for the community. If you're interested in acting, please sign up on the list posted on the board near the dining room entrance."

Blue Parlor Basics

Jennifer Armstrong has agreed to serve as this summer's Blue Parlor Emcee, and as such is pleased to present at least three Bread Loaf writers this coming Sunday. Samantha Dunaway, Carolyn Coleman, and Robbie Harold will read from their prose and poetry in the Blue Parlor Sunday evening at 7:30. This creative showcase often attracts a crowd, so plan on arriving early for most comfortable seating. Refreshments will be provided. Anyone else wishing to read from their work is encouraged to sign up on the list outside the Front Desk or to talk to Jennifer for more details.

Addressing the "Henriad"

This summer's Elizabeth Drew lecture will be presented by Harry Berger, Professor Emeritus at the University of California/Santa Cruz and a well-respected Shakespearean scholar. Professor Berger will address particular aspects of Shakespeare's "Henriad" in a lecture which should set the stage for our own staged readings of the plays later this summer. All are encouraged to attend this annual event, which takes place Monday evening in the Burgess Meredith Theater at 7:30 PM.

Mountaintop Impresari Muster Talent

Bread Loaf's musicians and other performance artists are invited to take part in our annual Coffeehouse, to be held on Friday, July 9. Past performers have included gospel singers, a Dixieland piano player, an ocarina virtuosa, and a toothpaste-and-cooler act which left the crowd stunned yet delighted last summer. Christa Bruce and Janet Chance will organize the event; drop them a note if you're interested in making an appearance and sharing your talents, whatever they may be.

FedEx Specifics

Bread Loafers wishing to ship parcels via Federal Express are advised that they must speak with a FedEx operator when ordering a pick-up. Also be advised that Fed Ex, UPS, and Airborne Express (as well as other independent shippers) do not use U.S. Post Office box or rural station addresses, so if you advise shippers to send something to you via Middlebury or Middlebury College, chances are it won't make it up the Mountain and will remain in Middlebury. The proper address for receiving non-post office parcels is: Your name, Bread Loaf campus, Route 125 (3 miles east of Ripton), Ripton VT 05766.

The Sports Section

The volleyball tradition is alive and well here on the Mountain campus, and all are welcome to come join in the fun, neophytes included. The games usually begin shortly after dinner; the first person en route to the field should stop by the Front Desk to pick up the ball.

Ultimate Frisbee will once again vie with volleyball in the popularity department this evening around 7:00 PM. Another round of running, throwing, jumping, catching, and crashing into one another will occur on Sunday afternoon at 4. Henceforth, the ultimate players will gather every Wednesday and Friday evening at 7:00 and every Sunday afternoon at 4:00.

Bread Loaf's softball squad will take to the field this Sunday afternoon at 2:00. Bats, balls, and bases will be provided—you bring a glove if you have one (there are several gloves available for those in need). If players are few but creative spirit is strong, a new game—shall we call it "Frostball?"—may be developed.

Madrigal Reminder

Bread Loaf's Madrigalists, a sonorous singing group that delivers songs both old and new to the community, will meet at 4:45 PM in the Barn on Monday for its first rehearsal. Singers of all ranges and abilities are needed. Speak with Jonathan Freeman if you have any questions about the group, or simply stop by the first rehearsal to let your voice be heard.

Snack Bar Sentiments Sought

Director Jim Maddox writes: "If you have been at Bread Loaf before, you know that the Barn snack bar hours have been curtailed this year; Middlebury College curtailed the hours in part because of reports from those staffing the snack bar that it was in very little demand during the hours when it is now closed. To compensate for the closing, the food service people at Middlebury have offered to put out free snacks (bagels, muffins, etc.) in the Barn and (since the snack bar will not be open on weekend mornings) to extend regular breakfast hours in the Inn on weekends. Naturally, I am interested in hearing whether the curtailed hours are having a negative impact on people's day-to-day lives. If you have found yourself seriously, or even mildly, inconvenienced by the snack bar closing, please write a note to me with some specifics and leave it with Elaine in the Bread Loaf office. If I find there is real unhappiness, I will work to get things changed."

"One World, One Heart" Tomorrow

Still looking for something to do this weekend? You can't go wrong with the annual Ben and Jerry's "One World • One Heart" Festival, which runs tomorrow from 11:00 AM to 7:00 PM at the nearby Sugarbush Resort in Fayston. Featured performers this year include Bruce Hornsby, Shawn Colvin, and the Spin Doctors, with a number of world-music bands joining in the festivities. Free ice cream, beautiful vistas, and wonderful performances—all for \$10 per carload—make this one of the summer's must-attend events. Check with the Front Desk for directions on how to get there if you're interested; you might also post a sign on the board outside the dining hall if you have room for riders or are looking for transportation.

Poet Sings Henry's Praises

Congratulations to Robert Berman, Dean Blase, Jonathan Strong, and former Loafer Anne Boone (e-mailing us from Russian River, CA) for correctly identifying Henry James (contemporary of Edith Wharton and author of "What Maisie Knew," both crucial tidbits in interpreting clues) as the speaker of yesterday's Quote-of-the-Day™. Guesses at the source of today's quote are due in the *Crumb* mailbox (Inn or cyber) by lunch on Sunday; winners will be listed on Monday. Alas, there is no weekend edition of the *Crumb*, cyber or otherwise. :-)

Weekend Schedule

Saturday

8:00-11:00 AM	Breakfast	Dining Hall
12:45 PM	Lunch	Dining Hall
5:00 PM	Fellows Reception	Earthworm
6:00 PM	Dinner	Dining Hall
9:00 PM	Square Dance	Barn

Sunday

8:00-11:00 AM	Breakfast	Dining Hall
12:45 PM	Lunch	Dining Hall
2:00 PM	Softball	Field
4:00 PM	Ultimate Frisbee	Field
6:00 PM	Dinner	Dining Hall
7:30 PM	Reading	Blue Parlor

* Don't forget yoga on Monday morning at 6 in Barn A.



The Crumb

Bread Loaf School of English
Vermont Campus
"Tops in Tropes Since 1920."

Volume 80, Number 5

Monday, June 28, 1999

Today's Tidbits

"History is bright and fiction dull with homely men who have charmed women."
— ?

Today's Events:

Madrigal Rehearsal:
4:45 PM, Barn
"Game House": After dinner, Blue Parlor
Drew Lecture: 7:30 PM, Theater

Dinner Menu

Marinated grilled tuna steaks or Red Bean and Artichoke Gratin; Arborio rice with black pepper sauce; spinach, mushroom, and fennel sautee; and a chocolate-lover's cake for dessert.

Weather Watch



Today through Thursday

Continued warm but cloudy with scattered showers and a chance of an occasional thunderstorm. Highs in the low to mid 80s.

Drew Draws Hordes Towards *Henry*

Harry Berger, Emeritus Professor at the University of California/Santa Cruz, will deliver the Elizabeth Drew Memorial Lecture this evening at 7:30 in the Burgess Meredith Theater. A respected authority on the works of Shakespeare, Berger will speak on "Harrying the Stage: *Henry V* in the Tetralogical Echo Chamber" and as such will place that particular play in the context of the "Henriad."

Berger describes his lecture as such: "Why are the French in *Henry V* portrayed as pushovers and total losers? If it isn't simply the result of Shakespearean jingoism, then how do we account for it? And what does the play's portrayal of the French suggest about its representation of history and theater? The Folio text of *Henry V* differs from the 1600 Quarto not only in emphasizing the continuity of the second tetralogy but also in using the Chorus (absent from the Quarto) to put the spirit of patriotic abridgement in scare quotes—to perform, accentuate, and critique that spirit. The critique gets deeper and darker when *Henry V* is placed in the tetralogical context of the 'Henriad.' Without this context, it's easy to reduce Henry to the duck-rabbit who attracts the praise of one set of viewers and the blame of another. But if you listen to his words in the tetralogical echo chamber, then something else becomes more audible and important: what he thinks of himself, how he deals with his own bad conscience and 'inward wars.' 'No King of England if not King of France' is more than a boast. It expresses Harry's need to purge England and himself of the taint of usurpation and regicide. And only in this context can we account for the entertaining but weird portrayal of the French as losers, scapegoats to whom the inward wars of Henry and England are displaced."

Teacher and Chapbook Collaboratives

Tomorrow afternoon at 5 in Barn 1, Bread Loafers will have a chance to meet two shining stars on the education scene. Nancy Shapiro, Executive Director of Teachers and Writers Collaborative, will discuss her agency's work and the many resources it provides for teachers. Sam Swope, a previous editor of the *Crumb*, will speak about the "Chapbooks for Learning" program and tell teachers how their students' work can be gathered and published in beautiful chapbooks with both ease and style. More details to come in tomorrow's edition of the *Crumb*.

Of Poetry, Hope, and Pedagogy

Herb Kohl, a founding member of Teachers and Writers Collaborative and a Senior Fellow at the Open Society Institute, will speak on "Poetry, Drama, and Social Justice" Wednesday evening at 7:30 in Barn 1. His recent book, *The Discipline of Hope: Learning from a Lifetime of Teaching*, is now available in the Bookstore for those interested. All are welcome to attend the talk.

Award Winners Warned of Meeting Relocation

NEH award winners and their faculty mentors will meet tomorrow afternoon at 5:00 in Barn 6. Please make a note of the room change and be in touch with Jim if you have any questions or concerns.

Dramatic Directions

Those interested in acting this summer are reminded of a wonderful opportunity: helping out students in the Directing Workshop as they prepare short scenes and excerpts for their coursework. Anyone interested in volunteering should add his or her name to the list outside of the dining hall. The theater is also looking for spirited souls interested in helping out behind the scenes; positions range from assistant stage managers to carpentry associates. Check with Box Office manager Nan Leverett in the theater if you'd like to help out with this summer's productions. In return, she'll make sure you get great seats for each of the plays.

Lists Address Safety Concerns

The Front Desk asks that off-campus students stop by with their telephone and contact information in the event that they need to be reached for an emergency. Bread Loafers are also sought for the "Topsy Taxi," a service which provides transportation along the winding way of Route 125 for those who find themselves unexpectedly intoxicated in one of the many off-Mountain watering holes. The Front Desk also maintains a list of Bread Loafers trained in CPR and First Aid; please stop by to add your name if you may be able to help out in a health-related emergency.

Madrigals on the Mountain

Bread Loaf's Madrigalists will rehearse this afternoon at 4:45 in the Barn. All are welcome to join our Mountain's traditional singing group; no previous experience is necessary. Come to this first rehearsal to learn more about the group and to belt out the summer's songs.

Power to the People

Bread Loafers should be aware that our Mountain power supply can be rather fickle, particularly given the recent heat wave and forecasts for impending thunderstorms. Brown-outs have already been reported as demand runs ahead of supply. Here on the Mountain, we have the additional limits imposed by the wiring in the buildings, which were not designed to handle many of today's electricity-hungry products. With that in mind, be especially cautious about overloading outlets, and turn off as many appliances as you can when they're not being used (particularly when you're using other, high-consumption items such as computers and printers). Also, please use hair dryers ONLY in the bathrooms as these are notorious gluttons for wattage. Here's the deal: when you trip the circuit breaker by overloading outlets, you often cause a blackout not just for your room but for your entire hall. Trust us on this: You don't want to be held responsible all summer for the loss of your hallmates' papers and projects. As a corollary, be sure to save your work often on computers, particularly whenever inclement weather approaches. The strife you save could be your own.

Lesbigay Gathering

Bread Loaf's gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgendered members (as well as any interested straight allies) are invited to a pre-dinner gathering tomorrow afternoon at 5 in the Blue Parlor. The group will discuss joining a local g/l/b/t group for a picnic at Lake Dunmore later in the summer, as well as scheduling a showing of "It's Elementary," a video which addresses the discussion of gay and lesbian issues in the classroom. For more details, check with Hugh c/o the *Crumb*.

Seniors Re-assemble

Members of the Bread Loaf Class of 1999 are asked to assemble once again for unfinished business this coming Friday at 5 PM in the Blue Parlor. Those unable to attend the meeting should check with Elaine in the Bread Loaf office.

The Names of the Games

Sarah Myers, daughter of Assistant to the Director Maggie Favretti, announces the opening of "Game House" this evening and every Monday, Thursday, and Saturday evening. Come join her for board games like Checkers, Monopoly, and Chess; card games like Crazy Eights and Hearts; or the occasional coloring opportunity after dinner in the Blue Parlor. Bread Loafers are also warned that plans for a Scrabble tournament are afoot; details to come in the *Crumb*.

Sports Reports

Yesterday's softball game drew a spirited group to the playing fields yesterday afternoon. Beth Harris reports: "Heavy hitters included Charles Newman, John Freeman, and Leo Hotte. The afternoon was hot but fun. One note for future ballplayers: avoid that left field drop-off!" Softball will pick up again this coming Sunday at 2:00 PM.

Andrew Salverda announces an opportunity for basketball players to dribble down to Middlebury for a pick-up game tomorrow evening at 7:30 PM. Check with him for more details or just meet him down there at the Field House (and don't forget to bring your ID with you).

Room Reservation Regimen

Bread Loafers in need of scheduling a room for classes, meetings, or other gatherings should first check with Elaine in the Bread Loaf office. She can warn you about potential conflicts and make sure that all your needs will be met by the space provided.

Dining Details

Given the rapidly changing nature of meals on the Mountain, the following clarifications are offered. The current week-end schedule is for meals to be self-service, with food available from 7:30-9:30 for breakfast, 12:30-1:15 for lunch, and 6:00-6:45 for dinner. Diners are expected to clear out of the dining hall by 10:00 for breakfast; 1:30 for lunch, and 7:00 for dinner. Please do not come into the kitchen at any other times as the staff needs to do its work. Students seeking ice should go to the snack bar in the Barn, not the dining hall kitchen. Once again, if you have any thoughts or feelings (pro or con) about the current snack bar hours or the new weekend dining schedule, please drop Jim a quick note or e-mail.

O No! Not Henry Again!

Though Chris Onken's guess that Ed Brown was the speaker of last Friday's quote was both entertaining and perhaps even apt, it was, alas, inaccurate. Lisa Busby, John Fyler, Tim Lear, and Charles Newman all correctly identified John Berryman as the author, with the quote coming from his own Henry-related *Dream Songs*. It should therefore come as no surprise that today's quote continues this obsession with all things Henry; those seeking the Quote-of-the-Day™ award would do well to have their guesses in to the *Crumb* by breakfast tomorrow.



The Crumb

Bread Loaf School of English
Vermont Campus
"Paradise Frost"

Volume 80, Number 6

Tuesday, June 29, 1999

Today's Tidbits

"You should never wear your best trousers when you go out to fight for freedom and truth."
— ?

Today's Events:

NEH Meeting: 4:45 PM, Barn 6
Swope/Shapiro Presentation: 4:45 PM, Barn 1
Gay/Lesbian/BI/Trans Gathering: 5 PM, Blue Parlor
Yoga: 5 pm, Barn 2
Richard II (movie): 30 pm, Barn 2

Dinner Menu

Roast leg of lamb or spanikopita; red lentils and assorted vegetables in a red wine sauce, roasted parsnips, potatoes, peas and carrots, strawberry shortcake for dessert.

Weather Watch



Today

Cloudy and humid with severe afternoon thunderstorms possible, highs in the low 80s.

Tomorrow

Mostly sunny and drier, highs around 80.

Teachers Treated to Writing Resources

Teachers and any other interested Bread Loafers are invited to attend a "two-fer" presentation this afternoon featuring guest speakers Nancy Shapiro, the Executive Director of Teachers and Writers Collaborative, and Sam Swope from the "Chapbooks for Learning" program. The meeting will take place at 4:45 in Barn 1.

Nancy was for a number of years a program officer for the Bingham Trust, during which time she visited Bread Loaf regularly and worked closely with Bread Loaf teachers on their writing and publishing projects. The Center for Imaginative Writing, which was established under Nancy's leadership, has become an increasingly important place for writers and teachers to meet and work. Her most recent publication, *The Nearness of You: Students and Teachers Writing On-Line*, is now available in the Bookstore and features a number of Bread Loafers.

Sam Swope, former *Crumb* editor and Middlebury alumnus, has written several children's books, one of which found its inspiration here at Bread Loaf. He tells the story of his residency (since 1995) in a Queens classroom in the Spring 1999 issue of *Middlebury* magazine. He has produced six chapbooks with his classes and is a vital part of "Chapbooks for Learning," which offers teachers the opportunity to utilize modern technology in the production of books featuring their students' work. Several past publishers will speak of their experience as part of Sam's presentation.

NEH Meeting Moved

NEH Fellows and their faculty mentors are reminded that this afternoon's meeting has been moved to Barn 6 at 4:45. Please check with Jim if you have any conflicts or concerns about your attendance.

Kohl to Speak on Social Justice

Bread Loaf is delighted to welcome Herb Kohl, a founder of Teachers and Writers Collaborative and a Senior Fellow at the Open Society Institute, who will speak on "Poetry, Drama, and Social Justice" tomorrow evening at 7:30 in the Barn (please note location change). It has been thirty years since Herb taught the sixth-grade Harlem class he wrote about in the classic book *36 Children*. He has been teaching and writing ever since and has published more than forty books. Kohl's most recent book, *The Discipline of Hope: Learning from a Lifetime of Teaching*, can be purchased in the Bookstore. All are encouraged to attend his presentation.

Cyber-Assistant Sought

The Bread Loaf Computer Center seeks a student work-study staff member who can join the crew immediately in exchange for pro-rated room and board. The position requires a 20 hour per week commitment. If interested, please speak to Caroline in the Computer Center as soon as possible, or check in with Elaine at the Bread Loaf office.

Regarding Richard

Michael Cadden will show the BBC production of *Richard II* for his class this evening at 7:30 in Barn 2. Any other interested Bread Loafers are welcome to attend on a space available basis.

Picture Perfect

Bread Loafers are asked to gather across the street from the Inn tomorrow at 12:30 PM (just before lunch, weather permitting) for the all-school picture, to be taken by Innkeeper Ed "Zoom" Brown. Just after lunch (around 1:30), Ed will take the staff and faculty photos. On Thursday, Seniors should meet on the front porch of the Inn at 12:30 PM (just before lunch) for their photo; after lunch (around 1:30) members of the Bread Loaf Teacher Network should gather for their picture. Ed will coordinate a waitstaff photo directly with our dedicated dining hall crew. Copies of the photos will be on display and available for purchase in the weeks ahead; check future *Crumbs* for announcements.

Queer Coterie Convenes

Gay men, lesbian women, bisexual persons, transgendered individuals, queer theorists, and any other interested parties are invited to come to a pre-dinner social hour this afternoon at 5 in the Blue Parlor. Plans for a Lake Dunmore picnic will be discussed, as will a possible presentation of "It's Elementary," a documentary which considers the inclusion of gay and lesbian issues in the classroom. Check with Hugh c/o the *Crumb* for more info.

Hordes Head to Huddle

Writing Professor David Huddle will read from his work this Thursday evening at 7:30 in the Barn to launch the summer Faculty Reading Series. A poet, short-story writer, essayist, novella-ist, and soon-to-be-published full-length novelist, David has written a number of critically acclaimed books including *Only the Little*



Bone, Intimates, High Spirits, Tenorman, The Writing Habit, and a collection of works, *The David Huddle Reader*, many of which are available in the Bookstore. All are invited to attend his presentation.

Barn Bash Set for Saturday

Whether you want to shake your booty, get jiggy with it, or just jump around, the Barn's the place to be this Saturday night from 9 PM until 1 AM. Mixmaster Hugh "DJ *Crumb*" Coyle will be in the house laying down beats both fierce and smooth, from swing to funk, from the 50s to the 90s and beyond. The standard frothy beverages and munchies will be provided. First year students are hereby warned that the rumors you've heard are true: skinny-dipping in Johnson Pond following the dance is a Bread Loaf tradition. Jim Maddox will expect to see you there at night's end.

Bring on the Swing

As a preamble to this weekend's Barn Dance, Beth Harris will offer a Swing dance workshop in Barn A Saturday evening at 7:30. All are welcome to come learn a few new moves. Beth's presentation would benefit from the assistance of a good male partner; if you can help out in this department, please be in touch with her.

Placement Agency Targets Teachers

Teachers in search of new positions are encouraged to sign up for an appointment with Carney, Sandoe & Associates, who will be visiting our campus on Thursday, July 15. The group holds long-standing ties to the Bread Loaf community and offers positions in middle and upper school English in independent schools both in the U.S. and abroad. Check with Elaine in the Bread Loaf office for more details and to sign up for an interview.

Picnic Planned for Sunday

The annual Robert Frost Picnic will take place this coming Sunday afternoon at the Homer Noble Farm, located up the road just before the Robert Frost Wayside to the west on Route 125. The outdoor meal will take the place of the normally scheduled dining hall dinner, with tours of the Frost Cabin offered beforehand. Bread Loafers should pick up tickets to the event at the Front Desk so that the dining hall can get an accurate count of the numbers to come. No meal will be served in the dining hall that evening.

12-Step Program Plans

Note to the *Crumb*: "For anyone interested in forming a 12-step group here on campus, there will be a meeting this Saturday evening from 7:30-8:30 in Barn East. Please bring any 12-step-related materials; we could benefit especially from the *AA Big Book* and/or *Twelve & Twelve*. The group will try to serve any 12-step issues: AA, NA, OA, Al-Anon, etc. Hopefully we'll figure out a format at this first meeting. All are welcome."

Power to the People, Part Two

As part of our ongoing effort to educate Bread Loafers about the campus electrical system, the *Crumb* would like to elaborate on several items from yesterday's notice about brown-outs, black-outs, and circuit-breaking abuses of power. First and foremost—fans. Please shut off fans when you are not in your room, and use them at your own peril whenever you're working on your computer. Computer Center Director Caroline Eisner reports that a number of woebegone students have lost their cool—along with their work—when switching on a fan and a computer from the same outlet. (Remember that the Computer Center is air-conditioned, and that you can also print on the laserwriter down there.) Also be advised that the Computer Center will most likely shut down when inclement weather is imminent. This may well be true today, since the weather service has issued a severe thunderstorm warning. Save your work often, save as much power as possible, and you'll save us all from dim-watted damnation.

Weekenders Yearn for Yoga

Yoga guru Maggie Christinat announces an extension of her Bikram sessions for those wishing to build strength, flexibility, and balance on the weekends as well. Meet with Maggie at 10:30 on Saturday and Sunday mornings in Barn A to continue the week's work. Regular sessions will continue on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday mornings at 6:00 in Barn A and on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons at 5:00 in Barn 2.

Java Jammers Get a Jump on July

Coffeehouse organizers Janet Chance and Christa Bruce have moved up their plans for a Mountaintop performance and have secured the date of Wednesday, July 7, for the show. Interested acts should contact them as soon as possible to reserve a spot on the roster. More details to come in future *Crumbs*.

An Enigma for the People

Liz Bedell outshone all other Bread Loafers near and far in correctly identifying O. Henry as the speaker of yesterday's Quote-of-the-Day™. Today's author veers slightly from this Henry trend (finally!), but only slightly. Here's another clue: today's literary notable is often called "the father of modern drama." Send in your answers to the *Crumb* before breakfast tomorrow for a chance to be seen in the Winners' Circle.



The Crumb

Bread Loaf School of English
Vermont Campus
"A Pedagogical Playground"

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Wednesday, June 30, 1999

Today's Tidbits

"There is a sumptuous variety about the New England weather that compels the stranger's admiration—and regret... Yes, one of the brightest gems in the New England weather is the dazzling uncertainty of it."
— ?

Today's Events:

Madrigal Rehearsal:
5:00 PM, Barn
Ultimate Frisbee: 7:00 PM, field
Herb Kohl Presentation: 7:30 PM, Barn

Dinner Menu

Grilled pork chops with applesauce and Fettucine with broccoli and sundried tomatoes; white and wild rice pilaf, butternut squash and turnip sautee, and ice cream for dessert.

Weather Watch



Today

Partly cloudy with highs in the 70s; slight chance of scattered showers.

Tomorrow

Mostly cloudy with a chance of showers later in the day; highs near 80.

Kohl Links Poems and Plays

Dear *Crumb*: I'm a teacher taking two classes this summer, one on theater and one on poetry. They seem so different to me at times, but I need to teach both in the same class back home. Is there a way to build a bridge between the two genres? —Befuddled Bridge-Builder

Dear Befuddled: It just so happens that one of our distinguished guests, Herb Kohl, will be speaking on "Poetry, Drama, and Social Justice" this very evening at 7:30 in the Barn. Mr. Kohl helped to found Teachers and Writers Collaborative in New York City, and is a Senior Fellow at the Open Society Institute. He has written more than forty books, including the teaching classic *36 Children*. His most recent publication, *The Discipline of Hope: Learning from a Lifetime of Teaching*, is now available in the Bookstore and might also offer some guidance in your quest.

Hopes to Hear Huddle

Dear *Crumb*: Former Bread Loafers have informed me that the faculty readings are not to be missed, particularly David Huddle's. (One friend in particular e-mailed me to say that she'd listen to him read the phone book, so smitten is she with his deep voice and Southern accent!) Will we have a chance to hear him read any time soon? —Hopeful Huddlephile

Dear Hopeful: You're in luck, as David Huddle is scheduled to read from his work tomorrow night in the Barn at 7:30. If you miss the presentation, you can always get one of his books from the library or bookstore, including *Intimates*, *Only the Little Bone*, *Tenorman*, *High Spirits*, and *The Writing Habit*.

Picnickers: Pick Up Tix

Dearest *Crumb*: J. and I have just returned from the most glorious afternoon of shopping in M____, and we chanced across this exquisite wicker picnic basket which we feel must be put to use at the soonest possible instance. Have you any suggestions? —E.

Dear E.: You might do well to stop by the Front Desk and pick up some tickets to the Robert Frost Picnic this coming Sunday afternoon. Weather permitting, the entire campus will take its meal at the Homer Noble Farm just west of here, leaving the dining room deserted for dinner. Students, staff, and faculty members alike should be sure to have a ticket to trade for food at the Farm; persons off the meal plan can purchase tickets if they so desire. Tours of the Robert Frost Cabin will also be offered in the late afternoon hours, with dinner served at 6-ish. See you there!

Slack Attack Sickness

Dear *Crum* (sic) Guy: My classes have way to (sic) much reading and its (sic) like, (sic) seriously effecting (sic) my ableness (sic) to party hardy (sic) every nite (sic). Can I like, (sic) just drop them all and stay hear (sic) for the sports and socializing, and stuff? —Bookworn

Dear Bookworn: If you feel you must, you may drop and add classes to your heart's content until Friday, but if you drop them all, I'm afraid Elaine may have more to say to you when you visit her in the Bread Loaf office, even if you do volunteer to fill in for one of the vacant positions on the waitstaff.

Clothes for the Close-Ups

Dear *Crumb*: I've been amazed by the variety of Bread Loaf T-shirt and sweatshirt designs on display all over campus, from the straightforward Adirondack chair emblem to that old-fashioned script number that reads more like "Bread Loab." Are we supposed to wear one design in particular for our upcoming photo shoots? I'd hate to show up and be the only one wearing something completely out of style. —Fearful of Fashion Faux Pas

Dear Fearful: You can wear whatever you want to the photo shoots; Innkeeper Ed Brown merely asks that you show up on time. The all-campus picture was before lunch today; faculty and staff are asked to gather after lunch (around 1:30) on the West Lawn for their picture. Tomorrow, Ed hopes to shoot the seniors (with his camera, of course) at 12:45 and asks them to assemble on the front porch of the Inn; after lunch (around 1:30) he'll snap a pic of the Bread Loaf Teacher Network fellows. In the event of nasty weather, check the Front Desk for changes in the schedule.

Tired Teacher Seeks Placement

Dear *Crumb*: I hate my current teaching job. My students are mean to me; the superintendent doesn't respect me; and this past year they made me coach of the Nintendo team. What should I do? —Beleaguered at the Blackboard

Dear Beleaguered: If you feel you could do better (and it sounds as though you could), you might want to make an appointment with one of the representatives from Carney, Sandoe & Associates, a recruiting agency that will be on campus to interview prospective independent school teachers. Elaine in the Bread Loaf office has all the details and can sign you up for an appointment on Thursday, July 15. Perhaps a position at Sega Secondary School, Playstation Preparatory, or Gameboy Academy would be a better fit for you.

Frightening Film on Friday

Dear *Crumb*: Loved "Elizabeth" last week—got lots of ideas for my Suppressed Desires costume from that one, let me tell you. What's the flick this Friday? —Cinematic Matriculant

Dear Cinematic: This Friday's feature film is "Little Shop of Horrors," which might likewise provide some interesting costume ideas for our upcoming Suppressed Desires dance on July 24. The movie begins at 9:00 PM in the Barn, as always.

Revelers Ready to Raise Roof

Dear *Crumb*: I've been hiding in fear since last Saturday night when, at the square dance, I inadvertently grabbed Jim Maddox's *right* wrist even after the caller asked us to form a *left*-hand Texas star. I'm worried that Jim will have me dragged off campus if he sees me again, particularly if I commit another such blunder at the upcoming Barn dance. Is there any hope for someone with two right hands and two left feet on this campus? —Dancing Do-Sa-Dolt

Dear Dolt: Have no fear, for this coming Saturday night's dance will be somewhat different from last weekend's square dance, and your radical freestyle interpretations (or "blunders," as you call them) may be quite well suited to the music. The DJ plans to play all types of tunes, from big band to hardcore club, with the hopes that we'll all have a floor-stompin', roof-raisin' great time. If you're still uncertain about your tendency toward two-steppin' stammering, you might do well to check out Beth Harris's swing dance workshop, which will be offered in Barn A at 7:30 just prior to the dance at 9:00.

Religious Reflection

Dear *Crumb*: There's so much going on around this place that I'm finding it hard to find time for my regular spiritual reflection. Will there be any opportunities for something like that in the days ahead? —Riled Up in Ripton

Dear Riled: Actually, Brent Strom has announced that he'll be organizing a quiet time of prayer and Christian fellowship tomorrow morning from 8:00–8:30 in Barn A for those interested. Check with him for more information on what may well become a regular occurrence.

Director Demonstrates Tetralogical Tendencies

Dear *Crumb*: Is it true that Jim Maddox has his own private jet and visits all four Bread Loaf campuses on a daily basis? —Wondering Woman

Dear Wondering: Actually, Jim has no need of a jet when it comes to flying, and he has the ability to exist in four places simultaneously, alleviating the need for simple visits. That's why he's the Director. Even so, he has informed the *Crumb* that he will be absent from our Vermont campus for a week beginning on Saturday while one of his personas joins the others in New Mexico and Alaska. Students should plan their appointments accordingly.

Inconvenient InClemency

Dear *Crumb*: I don't understand this Quote-of-the-Day™ thing at all, and frankly, some of the little sayings you put up in that tidbits column sound awfully familiar, if you get my drift. What gives? —Quote-sick Curmudgeon

Dear Curmudgeon: Perhaps you should ask Janet Atkins, Liz Bedell, Robert Berman, Sabine Chmielewski, Bob Colonna, or Rebecca Makkai, all of whom knew that Henrik Ibsen was the speaker of yesterday's quote and is often referred to as the "Father of Modern Drama." As for the familiarity of the quotes...well, it is true that from time to time a quote seems so appropriate that it's worth using every year. Today's is just such an example. Former students should have no trouble remembering this one from last year, and you in particular might have much in common with this typically comedic curmudgeon. Send your guess in to the *Crumb* by breakfast tomorrow if you'd like to join the ranks of "those in the know."



The Crumb

Bread Loaf School of English
Vermont Campus
"Mountain for the Masses"

Volume 80, Number 8

Thursday, July 1, 1999

Today's Tidbits

"Mountains are giant, restful, absorbent. You can heave your spirit into a mountain and the mountain will keep it, folded, and not throw it back as some creeks will."

— ?

Today's Events:

Yoga: 5:00 PM, Barn 2
Awards Dinner: 6:00 PM, Dining Hall
David Huddle Reading: 7:30 PM, Barn

Dinner Menu

New York Strip Steak or Spinach and Mushroom Lasagna; roasted red potatoes, broccoli and carrots, and maple oatmeal pie for dessert.

Weather Watch



Today

A sunny start with showers developing tonight; high near 80.

Tomorrow

Rain and thunderstorms likely, highs in the high 70s.

Weekend

Mostly fair; chance of showers Sunday; highs in the 80s.

Readings Showcase Faculty Creativity

Faculty member David Huddle will read from his creative work in the Barn at 7:30 this evening. David is the author of a number of poetry and short story collections including *Intimates*, *Only the Little Bone*, and *High Spirits*; he is currently readying a novel for publication. All are welcome to attend the presentation. For those planning ahead, Bread Loaf Poet Paul Muldoon will offer a reading of his work next Monday evening at 7:30 in the Barn.

A Way with Awards

Jim Maddox will present this summer's named scholars and faculty chairs at a special Awards Banquet in the dining hall during our regular meal hour. All are invited to attend; those needing meal tickets may purchase them at the Front Desk prior to the meal.

Photo Finish

Weather permitting, the final group photos for the summer '99 session will be snapped this afternoon by Ed "Shutterbug" Brown as the Bread Loaf Teacher Network fellows gather on the west lawn of the Inn after lunch (around 1:30). Copies of all the various photographs will be on display and available for order soon.

Feisty Flora Featured in Film

If you thought the annoying deerflies and mosquitoes on the Mountain this summer were particularly bloodthirsty, you ain't seen nothin' yet. Come check out Friday's feature film, "The Little Shop of Horrors," featuring Rick Moranis and a rather voracious member of the plant kingdom. The movie starts at 9:00 PM in the Barn. Perhaps an entire field of Venus Fly-traps might be the solution to all of our biting bug problems...

Fit to a T

Owing to a deeply-felt disappointment with this year's T-shirt design (which features the rather cryptic phrase "Rugged Terrain" in its depiction of our rather gentle campus), the School will sponsor a contest to come up with a new design, one which we hope to have ready by the end of the session. As such, the schedule for the competition is quick, with final designs due in to the Bread Loaf office by noon next Wednesday. A panel of judges will then select a winner and award a \$50 bookstore gift certificate to the lucky logoist. All members of the Bread Loaf community are encouraged to submit their most creative efforts.

Sneaky Snack Attacks

Owing to popular demand, rumors of revolution, and the discovery of plans to open a subversive speakeasy-style espresso shop somewhere here on campus, the beloved Barn Snack Bar will now remain open straight through from 8 AM–10 PM on weekdays and on weekends from 10 AM–noon and 2–6. As always, the Barn itself will be open around the clock for casual conversation, informal conferencing, and late-night raids on the vending machines.

Pre-Two-Step Twelve-Steppers

Members of the Bread Loaf community interested in attending 12-step meetings on a somewhat regular basis throughout the summer are encouraged to come to a preliminary meeting this Saturday evening at 7:30 in Barn East. If you have any related materials from which the group could benefit, please bring them along with you. The group hopes to serve a number of 12-step related issues, including Al-Anon, AA, NA, and OA. All are welcome.

New Steps for Saturday's Dance

By all appearances, Bread Loafers have become increasingly expert at a new dance called "The Deerfly" (turn in place, swat the air, pull the pests out of your hair). Those seeking new challenges should stop by Barn A before Saturday night's dance for Beth Harris's swing dance workshop, which will be offered at 7:30. All experience levels are welcome, especially those new to swing. More talented members of Mountain community are encouraged to create their own new steps—perhaps the "Black Fly Boogie?"

Blue Parlor Blues

Somewhat sadly, a few vacancies still exist for the Blue Parlor readings, including some spots on this Sunday's roster. Sign up on the list outside the Front Desk window if you'd like to share your creative work with a supportive Bread Loaf audience. Readings take place Sunday evenings at 7:30 in the Blue Parlor (of course) under the watchful eyes of Joseph Battell's portrait; refreshments are also served. Check with Jennifer Armstrong if you have any questions or concerns.

Drop Deadline

Don't forget that Friday is the final day to drop or add classes without penalty. See Elaine in the Bread Loaf office with your questions and/or concerns.

Drew 4 U

For those who missed this past Monday's Elizabeth Drew Memorial Lecture with Harry Berger (or for those who would like a printed copy), transcripts of the talk are now available in the Bread Loaf office. Owing to concerns of copyright and such, we will not be posting the text of the talk on-line.

Favretti's Favorite Frostiana

Assistant to the Director Maggie Favretti will delight all comers with local lore and ludicrous legends regarding Robert Frost as part of her tours of the Frost Cabin this coming Sunday afternoon. The short presentations (it's a small cabin, after all) will take place at 4:30, 5:00, and 5:30, with supper served at 6:00 on the lawn of the Homer Noble Farm. Tickets will be required of all students, staff, and faculty who attend the picnic dinner; these may be picked up at the Front Desk prior to the event. There is no charge for students on the meal plan, who are reminded that the dining hall will be closed for dinner that evening unless it rains, in which case the picnic will be postponed.

Maddox Makes for Alaska

Director Jim Maddox will depart from our Vermont campus on Saturday as he soars off to the southwest before turning north toward Alaska. In his absence, Robert Stepto will serve as Acting Director. Appointments with either Jim or Robert may be scheduled through the Bread Loaf office. Jim's travels will land him back on campus on Sunday, July 11, at which time he will begin packing for his trip to Oxford, England.

Exhibit Filled With Big Pictures

Bread Loafers are reminded to check out the Middlebury College Museum of Art on the main campus. The summer's major (and we do mean major) exhibit is entitled "The Big Picture" and showcases samples of large-format photography by artists from around the world. The display runs through August 1; further details can be found in the brochure near the Front Desk. Hours are from 10-5 Tuesday through Friday and 12-5 on weekends; be aware that the Museum will be closed this Sunday in observance of Independence Day.

Pilgrims Tinker with Twain

Our stalwart quote-folks weren't fooled by yesterday's reference to Mark Twain's real name (Samuel Clemens), with the following respondents making their way into the Winners' Circle for the Quote-of-the-Day competition: Sabine Chmielewski, Nurse Sandy Brutkoski, Jon Freeman, Robert Berman, and Julie Rucker. Guesses at today's speaker (clues to whom appear in the headline above) are due in the *Crumb* mailbox by breakfast tomorrow.



The Crumb

Bread Loaf School of English
Vermont Campus
"Nearer My Bard to Thee"

Volume 80, Number 9

Friday, July 2, 1999

Today's Tidbits

"I would like a simple life
yet all night I am laying
poems away in a long box."
— ?

Today's Events:

Senior Meeting: 5:00
PM, Blue Parlor
Ultimate Frisbee: 7:00
PM, Fields
**Movie: "Little Shop
of Horrors":** 9:00 PM,
Barn

Dinner Menu

Grilled Chicken or
Cashew Chili; Shallot
Butter; zucchini and
summer squash sautee,
corn bread, and white
cake with frosting for
dessert.

Weather Watch



Today

A rainy start with
clearing by late
afternoon; highs in
the 80s.

Weekend

A mix of fair and
unsettled weather;
becoming hot and
humid with scattered
showers and
thunderstorms late in
the day. Highs 80-90.

Editor's Note

Rather than burden you with the rather lengthy and long-winded articles for this pre-weekend edition of the *Crumb*, the editor has instead supplied only their titles and academic abstracts of their content.

"Feed Me:" The Need for and Role of Entertainment in Isolated Communities (by Venus DePhilo)

This article considers the social and cultural effects of "fun" films such as "The Little Shop of Horrors" when they are shown in remote communities, particularly those focused on "serious" concerns such as literature, theater, and horticulture. Special attention will be paid to a Friday night film showing in a mountaintop Barn during which, shortly after the starting time of 9:00 PM, several students were found deconstructing subliminal symbolism they saw in the cinematic offering. The students were subsequently expelled from the campus.

T-Shirt Designs as Personal and Social Indicators (by Fruta Delume)

A sampling of transfers and iron-ons worn by students at the Bread Loaf School of English over the schools' 80-year history and culminating in the 1999 contest wherein community members were invited to submit new designs (up to four colors) for the summer session. The quick turnaround (entries were due in the Bread Loaf office within a week, by the following Wednesday at noon) resulted in some original and innovative entries, one of which was chosen by a panel of Bread Loaf community members and produced by the end of the summer. This study posits both artistic (i.e. the demands of design itself) and capitalistic (i.e. the \$50 gift certificate awarded to the winner) motivations for the final design, with a sidelong look to the representational and functional aspects of the resulting shirt.

The Director's Directives: Frost's Influence on Styles of Leadership

By looking intently at two Vermont-based educational administrators (James Maddox, Director of the Bread Loaf School of English, and Robert Stepto, the Interim Director), this study will compare and contrast their perspectives and methodologies as one (Maddox) departs from 7/4 to 7/16 and the other assumes his place. Effectiveness will be evaluated as a function of the number of appointments made via the Bread Loaf office and the weather forecasting abilities in determining whether the annual Frost Picnic will take place.

Snack it to Me: A Community Adjusts to New Snack Bar Hours

This chronological study considers the effects of newly open Snack Bar hours as a relevant factor in the associations and interactions between students at Bread Loaf. Particular aspects under consideration: levels of community caffeination during the open weekend morning hours of 10-12, and ice cream consumption between the open afternoon hours of 2-6.

The "Blue Periods" of Bread Loaf Writers

This inquiry into the effects of environment (vis a vis the Blue Parlor on Sunday nights at 7:30) looks at how writers become readers and are subsequently nurtured and supported by their peers, shifting from a discernible "blue period" (if you will) into a more colorful phase. The hope is always to attract more writers into the fold, especially one or two who might join the likes of Robert Sugg and Sabine Chmielewski this upcoming Sunday eve. A listing of the writers to be discussed appears at the Front Desk.

Textual Connections on the Internet (by Mimi Onlein)

By presenting samples of studies involving inter-classroom discussions on various texts (see figure 1), this presentation on Monday at 5:00 in Barn 6 intends to attract new participants to an ongoing National Endowment for the Humanities project linking students around the globe with one another and with Bread Loaf faculty mentors. The seminar should be of benefit to all interested teachers, particularly those sections addressing funding and resources.

Figure 1:

Texts for the NEH Projects

Text

Beowulf
The Odyssey
Our Town
White Noise
Bless Me, Ultima
The Epic
Dubliners
Othello
Julius Caesar
Emerson, Thoreau, Abbey
Dwellings
The Odyssey
Heart of Darkness
Green Grass, Running Water
Romeo and Juliet

Teacher/Mentor

Busee/Fyler
Cleary/Wofford
Ducolon/C. MacVey
Gnady/Lezra
Lewis/Melendez
Montaño/Fyler
Rich/J. Maddox
Stein/Wofford
St. Pierre/Bartels
Furrow/Warnock
Pete/Warnock
Wayman-Warren/Wofford
DuBose/J. Maddox
Rutter/L. Maddox
Wright/Bartels

Stopping by a Cabin on a Sunny Afternoon: The Undiscovered Manuscripts of "Bobby" Frost (by Maggie Favretti)

Many know of Frost's more famous works, but few have shared the thrill of discovering his unpublished manuscripts, many of them simply signed "Bobby" and stowed away in the nooks and crannies of Frost's cabin. Assistant to the Director Maggie Favretti shares inspirational stories of Frost's occupancy near the Bread Loaf campus while conducting a point-by-point tour of the poet's home. The half-hour oral presentations (at 4:30, 5:00, and 5:30) are followed by a barbecue picnic on the Homer Noble Farm. (Due to the nature of this event, the van will run to and from the Bread Loaf Inn on a regular basis for those who do not wish to walk the distance. Advance tickets—free to those on the meal plan—can be picked up at the Front Desk, and no meal will take place in the dining hall that evening. In the event of rain, the picnic may be postponed. Check the board outside the Front Desk for up-to-date details.)

The Meaning of "Senior" as a Determinant of Group Dynamics

A look at the use and abuse of the term as it applies to the Bread Loaf Class of 1999. Transcripts of their Friday (7/2/99) meeting in the Blue Parlor at 5:00 PM will help demonstrate the development of both a group dynamic and a commencement strategy, items which required the input of all senior class members.

Swing-Time!: A Pre-Dance Reappraisal by Beth Harris

Cultural fad or entrenched tradition? This 7:30 PM survey of swing on Saturday (in Barn A) provides an interactive mechanism towards understanding the twists, turns, and twirls associated with the dance, and looks toward its practical application at various social gatherings throughout the summer.

Newborn Forms in the Poetry of Paul Muldoon

This study of the work of poet Paul Muldoon seeks to catalog and intercontextualize the symbols and metaphors present in the poems. The article focuses on the works selected for Monday night's reading in the Barn at 7:30, with various theories presented concerning their order and the manner in which they are read. Special attention will be paid to the way in which Muldoon conveys meaning via his newly developed form, perambulatory pentameter.

Slippy Solipsisms: Styles of Dance on Mountain Campuses (by DJ "Crumb" Coyle)

From primitive foot-stomping to highly stylized swing, this overview of revelry on the Bread Loaf campus begins with the summer's first big bash in the Barn on Saturday night at 9:00 and ends with a consideration of the moral undertones present (or absent) at the Suppressed Desires party on July 24. The study looks at all styles of dance and dance-related music and invites all readers to become part of the seething, throb-

bing, sweating, hustling, pulsating, gyrating mass that is the Bread Loaf dance. In a controversial afterword, the author asserts that post-party synchronized skinny-dipping also falls under the rubric of dance, and as such deserves further recognition in the academic community.

Stretches of the Imagination: From Books to Bikram (by Maggie Christinat)

In the hopes of expanding both mental and physical capacity, this demonstration of Bikram yoga goes beyond the week-day applications and offers weekend suggestions as well at 10:30 AM in Barn A. Does the existence of loose clothing and bottled water limit or enhance our ability to move through the various forms and structures exemplified? This question typifies the nature of the investigation, which is intended for those both new to and familiar with the genre.

12 Steps to Sobriety: Success on a Suds-Obsessed Campus

Despite its existence within a campus culture somewhat addicted to foam-headed beverages, one twelve-step group proved its effectiveness by offering pre-party meetings, the first of which will take place on Saturday at 7:30 PM in Barn East. This case study considers the texts brought to the meeting by those participants who had them, and their overall effects on the group as it sought to build bridges between various constituencies, including (but not limited to) OA, AA, NA, and AI-Anon.

Of Peasant Markets and Pyrotechnics: A Weekender's Guide

A compendium of off-campus options for holiday weekend outings, many of them addressed in detail on the bulletin board outside the Bread Loaf office. Of particular note: the Peasant Market on the green in Middlebury all day long on Saturday, and the infamous Outhouse Race in Bristol that same morning. Fireworks throughout the valley will, of course, be included in the survey. Those looking to remain on campus for the weekend are reminded of "Game House," open in the Blue Parlor on Saturday evenings at 7:30 and featuring a number of opportunities for board- and card-game players.

What's Sex Got to Do with It?

An in-depth profile of the winners of the Quote-of-the-Day™ contest: their strategies and methods of presentation (including campus mail and e-mail via BreadNet). How do people like Sarah Peapples, Robbie Harold, Julie Rucker, Liz Bedell, Kelly Bastone, Jon Freeman, and Janet Atkins figure out that Annie Dillard, for example, was the author of yesterday's quote? (Late kudos also to Samantha Dunaway, who correctly guessed the previous day's quote but was omitted from the list.) Does gender play a role in aptitude? Class status? Whether you choose the meat or veggie option at lunch? This ambitious consideration will look closely at today's quote and attempt to decipher any clues found in the title or content of the text in order to find an answer.



The Crumb

Bread Loaf School of English
Vermont Campus
"An Academic Melting Pot"

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Monday, July 5, 1999

Today's Tidbits

"O! Who can hold a fire in
his hand
By thinking on the frosty
Caucasus? ...
Or wallow naked in
December snow
By thinking on fantastic
summer's heat?
O, no! The apprehension of
the good
Gives but the greater feeling
to the worse."
— ?

Today's Events:

NEH/ Telecommuni-
cations Meeting: 5 PM,
Barn 6
Madrigals Rehearsal:
4:45 PM, Barn
Quiet Time and Fel-
lowship: 7 PM, Barn A
Paul Muldoon Read-
ing: 7:30 PM, Barn

Dinner Menu

Pork Milanaise or
Cheese Manicotti;
mushroom and pepper
saute, asparagus, and
German chocolate cake
for dessert.

Weather Watch

Today

Partly sunny, hot and
humid; chance of
storms as the day
progresses. Highs
near 90.

Tomorrow

Continued hot and
humid with storms
likely late in the day.

Wednesday

Cooler and less
humid at last.

Cool Students Tune In to Muldoon

Paul Muldoon, Bread Loaf's poet-in-residence, will read from his creative works this evening in the Barn at 7:30. All are invited to come and tune in to the soothing, cooling musicality of Muldoon's voice and verse. Paul's books of poetry, *Hay* and *Selected Poems 1968-1986*, have sold out at the Bookstore, but more are on order and expected to be back in stock soon.

Teachers Teleconnect on Texts

Participants in interclassroom telecommunications exchanges will discuss their NEH-funded projects this afternoon at 5:00 in Barn 6. All are welcome to come and learn more about projects which have been planned or undertaken; information will be provided for those interested in becoming part of the exchanges. Texts currently being discussed on-line include *Beowulf*, *The Odyssey*, *Our Town*, *White Noise*, *Othello*, *Heart of Darkness*, *Romeo and Juliet*, *Dubliners*, and *Bless Me, Ultima*.

Pre-Reading Prayer

There will be a quiet time for prayer and Christian fellowship in the half hour immediately before Paul Muldoon's reading this evening. Those interested are asked to gather in Barn A at 7:00; check with Brent Strom for more details and to register your interest in regular meetings.

Brit-Litters Tolerate Holiday

Members of the Bread Loaf community are reminded that today is considered a federal holiday, at least in most parts of the United States and its related territories. That means no mail services (UPS and Fed Ex included) and business closures downtown. Given our predilection toward English literature, many of us here on the Mountain will continue the tradition of overlooking any commemoration of rebellious behavior on the part of the colonists.

Atwell to Talk on Workshops

Nancie Atwell, prominent educator and author of the now-classic and still-revered teaching text *In the Middle*, will offer a talk on "Teaching Writing in a Workshop" this Wednesday evening at 7:30 in the Barn. Nancie maintains long-standing ties to our Mountain community, and we are pleased that she'll be returning to visit us this summer. All are welcome to attend her presentation.

Designers Undaunted by Deadline

Several designs have already been submitted for the 1999 Bread Loaf School of English T-shirts, but there's still time to enter your own creation into the competition. Design ideas should be "camera-ready" (i.e. complete) and call for no more than four colors. Submit your ideas to the Bread Loaf office by noon on Wednesday so that a winner can be picked in time to have the T-shirts in stock by the end of the summer. Your name should be attached to the entry but not appear on the page with the actual design. The winner will receive a \$50 gift certificate for the Bread Loaf bookstore.

Two-Timing Twelve-Steppers

Bread Loaf's twelve-step program members are reminded that meetings will now take place twice weekly, on Tuesdays from 1:00-1:50 PM and on Saturdays from 7:30-8:30 PM. In both instances, meetings will take place in Barn East. All are welcome to attend.

BLSE GLBTs

It sounds like alphabet soup to some, but members of Bread Loaf's gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgendered community will come together for yet another informal "queer coterie" tomorrow afternoon at 5 PM in the Blue Parlor. Plans for attending Thursday night's lakeside picnic will be discussed along with upcoming movie nights; check with either Hugh Coyle or Janet Chance if you'll be needing a ride on Thursday but can't make it to tomorrow's meeting.

Jump, Jive, and Java

The Mountain's musical community will present a strong slate of performers this Wednesday evening at 9 PM in the Barn for an informal Coffeehouse. Scheduled acts run the gamut from folk to classical; check with Christa Bruce or Janet Chance if you'd like to be considered for any last-minute slots in the roster. Audience members are welcome to come and go as they please throughout the evening; Bread Loafers are asked to be respectful of the performers if you're just passing through the Barn to use the vending machines.

Picnic Postponement

The pattern of potentially inclement weather which led to the postponement of the Robert Frost Picnic continues on, but Bread Loafers are hereby notified that plans are underway to reschedule the event, possibly for as soon as this Saturday. Check future *Crumbs* for further confirmation.

In Sports: Fun Run Fashions

Athletic Director Ed Brown writes: "The 15th Annual Charlie Orr Memorial Fun Run will be held on Saturday, July 31, at 9:30 AM. Anyone interested in ordering a T-shirt commemorating the race should sign up at the Front Desk and pay the \$10 for the shirt by noon on Friday, July 9. Donations above and beyond the cost of the shirt will go toward the Charlie Orr Scholarship Fund. Last year, the traditional race raised a record \$600+ for the scholarship fund. You don't have to buy a shirt to enter the race, nor do you necessarily have to run the race if you do buy a shirt." Check with Ed at the Front Desk if you have any questions.

Meanwhile, Chris Onken announces the date of the Bread Loaf Triathlon, now in its second year. The running, biking, and swimming event will take place on July 24th at 9:30 AM. More details to come soon.

Trio Takes on Quartet

Three members of the Bread Loaf faculty will take on the four plays of Shakespeare's "Henriad" in a special panel presentation this Thursday evening at 7:30 in Barn A. Michael Cadden, Susanne Wofford, and Isobel Armstrong will all lend their professional expertise to the topic in the hopes of providing an even broader context in which to consider the upcoming plays. All are encouraged to attend.

Scholars Exemplify Excellence

Congratulations to the following students and faculty members, whose academic achievements were honored last Thursday evening at the Awards Banquet. Of special note is the newly bestowed Betty Bailey Scholarship, endowed by the Write to Change foundation and presented for the first time this year in honor of the many years of service and commitment to teaching that have become synonymous with Betty's name, both here at Bread Loaf and beyond.

Hazel Haseltine Adkins Scholarship: Kim Steinberg
Lillian Becker Scholarship: Jennifer Armstrong
Reginald and Juanita Cook Scholarship: Kelly Bastone
Beth Cubeta Scholarship: Beth Harris
Pauline Decker Scholarship: Aerie Treska
Kathleen Downey Scholarship: Ceci Lewis
Margaret Fielders Scholarship: Gary Montañó
Brent Goeres Scholarship: Shannon McCreery
Larry Holland Scholarship: Jeff Symonds and German Urioste
John M. Kirk, Jr., Scholarship: Chris Onken
Charlie Orr Scholarship: Kathleen Judge
Challenger Award: Paul Parsons
Dulcie Scott Scholarship: Trey Martin
William Sempreora Scholarship: Andrea Yates
Wylie and Lucy Sypher Scholarship: Tommy Anderson
Ruth Walzer Scholarship: Heather Ngoma
Mark Doty Wilson Scholarship: Kate Turner
Betty Bailey Scholarship: Ceci Lewis
Ruth and Lillian Marino Chair: Victor Luftig
Robert Frost Chair: Bryan Wolf

Missing Mug Leads to Alliteration

In a bid for a little alliterative illustriousness of her own, Jeanie Chapin of Tamarack has submitted the following: "Scatterbrained student seeks stainless steel mug, missing since last Friday." By mug the *Crumb* assumes that she intended to pen "refreshment receptacle."

Energy Emergency

A reminder that in the midst of all this heat and humidity, utility lines will be pressed to provide power to the Mountain with the resulting possibility of brown-outs and/or black-outs. Passing storms may also contribute to the problem, as will you if you continue to plug high-wattage items simultaneously into electrical outlets. Be especially careful with fans and computers operating at the same time, and please remember to use hair dryers only in the bathrooms. Save your work often on computers, and be aware that the Apple Cellar may need to shut down on short notice if storms approach campus.

This Author's a Hot Topic

The *Crumb* has received critiques both pro and con regarding the difficulty level of the daily Quote-of-the-Day™, so today's chilling tidbit should serve to level the playing field a bit. Those worthy of coronation in the weekend Winners' Circle include: Su Ready, Julie Rucker, Robert Berman, Meredith Drum, Rebecca Makkai, Liz Bedell, Joy Rutter, and Janet Atkins. Guesses as to the identity of today's speaker are due in the *Crumb* mailbox by 8:00 AM on the morrow.



The Crumb

Bread Loaf School of English
Vermont Campus
"Based on the Best-selling Book"

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Tuesday, July 6, 1999

Today's Tidbits

"Press close bare-bosom'd night—
press close magnetic
nourishing night!
Night of the south
winds—night of the
large few stars!
Still nodding night—
mad naked summer
night!"
— ?

Today's Events:

12-Step Program: 1
PM, Barn East
GLBT Meeting: 5 PM,
Blue Parlor
Yoga: 5:00 PM, Barn 2

Dinner Menu

Grilled trout almondine
or roasted barley and
vegetable saute;
dutchess potatoes,
green beans and sum-
mersquash, and pump-
kin pie for dessert.

Weather Watch

Today

Mostly cloudy,
continued warm and
very humid. Strong
storms (thunder, wind,
heavy rain, and hail)
possible later in the
day; clearing over-
night. Highs in the mid
to upper 80's.

Tomorrow

Mostly sunny and
breezy, with highs in
the mid 70s.

Thursday

Partly cloudy, highs in
the low 70s.

Dear Diary:

It's another damp day here at Bread Loaf, and everyone seemed especially groggy in the dining hall at breakfast. I heard rumors that some students had slept in the Blue Parlor overnight because their rooms were so hot; others continued to run fans well into the night despite the **risk of power outages**. A. was reading the paper and its reports of record-breaking temperatures all over the Northeast, with triple digits reported in many major cities. In that respect, I'm thankful to be here on the Mountain, where at least it's a bit cooler and there's an occasional breeze to be caught. I've heard somewhat illicit stories of Bread Loafers—even a few faculty members—resurrecting the idea of "air baths," wherein a person lies naked on his or her bed and turns a fan on the body to blow the skin cool. Last week such a notion might have offended me, but today it's just tempting. Maybe I am ready for that Suppressed Desires dance on July 24th after all.

Until then, there are papers to be written, and that means more coffee. I used to drink just one cup a day to get me going, but now I'm up to six or seven, and that's just breakfast. Maybe that's what makes the deerflies around here such annoying pests—they get one sip of Bread Loaf blood, and the high caffeine content drives them crazy. I should probably just go to the bookstore and buy one of those go-cups so that I can take my coffee with me. I overheard one of the Headwaiters today discussing a **shortage of dishes** in the dining hall, particularly **coffee cups**. Here I am with three of the things sitting on my desk. I'll have to remember to bring them back to the dining hall sometime today.

I guess I'm not the only one feeling the pressure of coursework, though. Maggie Christinat, who has been teaching me yoga for balance, strength, and (let's face it) stress reduction, has cut back on her classes and will **no longer be offering the morning sessions** on Monday, Wednesday, or Friday. I don't blame her. On days like today, who wants to get out of bed at all, even for class?

Some people continue to be sports fanatics, though. I have to hand it to those **volleyball** players, trooping out there every night after dinner to play in the field. They have some kind of strange ritual where after a point has been scored, they shake their hands in the air over their heads. Maybe it's just the bugs, but it looks really bizarre from a distance.

Now there's talk of a "**Fun Run**" on July 31 and a "**Triathlon Cubed**" on July 24. I didn't expect there to be such a competitive edge here, but after talking to E. about the foot race, I felt assured that it was indeed mostly for fun, as the name implies. The triathlon is a bit

more serious and strenuous, but again there's that Bread Loafian twist to it, since the course is a rather patchwork blend of running, swimming, and biking. E. also tells me that each year there are various categories of people who enter the Fun Run, including the diehards who kill themselves training and end up panting for oxygen as they cross the finish line and the dog-walkers who saunter off at the start of the race and return some time later in the day, if at all. Anyone and everyone can **sign up for a commemorative T-shirt**, whether they run the race or not. After talking to E., I wrote out a check for twenty dollars. Ten of it goes toward the shirt, and whatever extra amount people may give goes toward the Charlie Orr Memorial Scholarship Fund. I may even order an extra shirt for my friend M. back home, but I'll need to remember to do it by Friday, since that's the cut-off day for ordering them.

Speaking of shirts, my **design for the Bread Loaf T-shirt contest** is nearly done, just in time for the deadline of tomorrow at noon. I'll have to tidy it up later tonight and bring it by the Bread Loaf office tomorrow morning so that the panel can consider it in the afternoon. I could really use that \$50 gift certificate in the Bookstore if I win, even if most of it will go toward bug spray and sunscreen. L. and T. came by last night, and we drew some incredibly crazy and off-the-wall sketches—things that would never make it past the judging panel. T. told me that there used to be **Top Ten lists** in the *Crumb*, and that something like that would be a great topic: Top Ten Failed Slogans from the Bread Loaf T-shirt Contest. Maybe we should drop a note to the Editor and suggest a resurrection of that competition.

That's not to say that there aren't any creative outlets on this campus, though. My more musical friends are busily rehearsing for tomorrow night's **Coffeehouse** in the Barn at 9:00. Maybe I'll mention it to V. over dinner tonight, and we can set up something like a study break "date." It's strange to think about things like that here on the Mountain, where a "date" usually means sharing a Ben and Jerry's Phish Stick together at the snack bar or swatting deerflies on one another's back during a supposedly romantic walk through the woods. (Yes, dear diary, there is a recurring theme to my summer here on the Mountain, and it is indeed the deerflies.) For that reason alone, it's nice to have an informal social opportunity like the Coffeehouse. And on a somewhat related topic, can someone please explain to me why there is a bag of condoms in the laundry room?

In addition to the coffeehouse and the T-shirt contest, there's an **annual poetry contest** going on with a prize of \$300. Paul Muldoon, who treated us all to a

delightful reading just last night in the Barn (complete with Jimi Hendrix's "Purple Haze" in response to David Huddle's use of Steve Earle's "Copperhead Road" earlier in the summer), will act as judge for the award. I still have those landscape poems I wrote in New Mexico last summer, so maybe I'll dust them off and submit them by the July 19th deadline. T., D., and H. have already told me that they'll be submitting entries from Lincoln College as well via e-mail, though I tactfully reminded T. that the judges don't often go for poems about pub-crawling in Oxford.

Speaking of which, I wonder if they have a **12-step group meeting** in England like we have here on the Mountain? They'll be meeting today from 1:00 until 1:50 in Barn East, and again on Saturday evening before the dance. They address all kinds of issues surrounding substance abuse, from OA to NA to AA and Al-Anon. Perhaps I'll even mention it to R. next time I catch him carousing around at Gilmore for the Thursday night fireside reading.

Support groups do seem to have their niche here on the Mountain, which is probably in keeping with the emphasis on community that pervades the place. This afternoon, for example, the **gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgendered people** will be meeting once again the Blue Parlor at 5:00. Q. and I talked about that last week at lunch, and I thought the group would be all political and radical, but she told me that they're actually planning a picnic at Lake Dunmore, a few movie nights, and even a showing of an award-winning documentary concerning gay issues in the classroom.

Things like that continue to impress upon me what a constantly changing and dynamic place the classroom can be. I'm sure that I'll have the same impression when I hear Nancie Atwell talk on "**Teaching Writing in a Workshop**" tomorrow evening at 7:30 in the Barn. Nancie has been a heroine of sorts for me ever since I read her wonderful book, *In the Middle*. That book helped me immensely as I started out on my teaching career, and so I'm eager to have a chance to meet and talk to her in the days ahead.

Of course, that also reminds me that I need to pay a bit more attention to that teaching career if I ever hope to do anything substantial with it. Elaine in the Bread Loaf office told me that there were still a couple of spots open for interviews with the representatives from **Carney, Sandoe & Associates**. They've helped Bread Loafers find great teaching positions in the past, some of them in independent schools overseas. I'll have to check with her to see about signing up for one of those appointments.

In the meantime, I'm still being made to feel like a complete knucklehead with this stupid **Quote-of-the-Day™** contest in the *Crumb*. I actually correctly guessed Anne Sexton as the author of last Friday's quote but forgot to send in my answer, and then I go and submit Wordsworth as the answer to yesterday's. D'oh! It was Shakespeare, and from *King Richard II*, no less—one of the plays they're performing this summer. Jon Freeman told me he got the answer right, and that he suggested the *Crumb* publish a list of people who *didn't* guess Shakespeare in order to save space. Well, my name would be on the top of *that* list for sure. Of course that super-smartie Liz Bedell probably got it, and Robert Berman as well—he seems to be getting almost all of them this summer. Julie Kennedy got it too, real easy and casual-like over the salad bar, "Oh, Shakespeare. *Of course.*" Chris Benson's making a strong showing now that he's back on campus, and Bob Colonna—well come on, the guy is IN the play, for crying out loud. And Amy Stern? She's the stage manager. Talk about handing the theater people an easy one. I complained about this to the Editor and begged him to put another easy one in today's edition. He said, "Sing a little song to yourself, and you'll come up with the right answer." Yeah, right. Like that makes LOTS of sense.

Well, it's getting late and I have lots to get done today—running the Frost Trail, tennis at 4, check e-mail at noon, 2, 5, 7, 9, and before I go to bed. Oh, and papers to write before I sleep, papers to write before I sleep. Maybe I should think of a new topic; "The Biting Bugs of Birnam Wood: Insects and Insanity in *Macbeth*" seems like a bit of a stretch to me now.

Maybe a nap first. Or, perhaps—an air bath?



The Crumb

Bread Loaf School of English
Vermont Campus
"Where Bibliophiles Compile"

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Wednesday, July 7, 1999

Today's Tidbits

"the trick of finding what you didn't lose
(existing's tricky; but to live's a gift)
the teachable imposture of always
arriving at a place you never left
(and i refer to thinking) rests upon
a dismal misconception; namely that
some neither ape nor angel called a man
is measured by his quote eye cue unquote."
— ?

Today's Events:

Ultimate Frisbee: 7:00 PM, Field
Nancie Atwell: 7:30 PM, Barn
Coffeehouse: 9:00 PM, Barn

Dinner Menu

Moroccan chicken with lemons and olives or Turkish beans with potatoes, celery root, and carrots; artichokes and plum tomatoes with garlic and feta cheese, ice cream for dessert.

Weather Watch



Today

Partly sunny or partly cloudy—you decide.
Highs in the 70's.

Tomorrow

More of the same.

Friday

Ditto.

From *In the Middle* to "In the Middst"

Two events, one tonight and the other two days hence, speak powerfully to the creative and professional strength of the Bread Loaf community.

The first features guest speaker Nancie Atwell, a nationally recognized educator and author of the newly updated second edition of *In the Middle: New Understandings about Writing, Reading, and Learning*. Nancie has also served as editor or co-editor for the teaching books *Coming to Know*, *Side by Side*, and the *Workshop: By and For Teachers* series. Nancie will discuss "Teaching Writing in a Workshop" this evening at 7:30 in the Barn. All are encouraged to attend her presentation.

On Friday, four Bread Loaf community writers will read from their works in the second annual "Writers in the Middst" presentation. Reprising their roles from last year will be Harriet Chessman, Jean Hanff Korelitz, and Michelle Stepto; newcomer Scott Elledge will round out the roster. The reading begins at 7:30 PM in Barn 1.

Falstaff Featured in Friday's Film

This week's feature film offering will be "Chimes at Midnight," directed by and starring Orson Welles. The movie centers on the relationship between the Shakespearean rascal Falstaff and Prince Hal, and as such provides an interesting tangent to the "Henriad" being performed this summer. Screen time is 9:00 PM on Friday in the Barn.

Take on T's

Entries for the 1999 Bread Loaf School of English T-shirt design contest were due in the Bread Loaf office by noon today. T-shirts for the Charlie Orr Fun Run may be ordered for \$10 apiece until Friday and can be purchased whether or not you plan to run in the race. Bread Loaf's Triathlon Cubed will trot out its own T-shirt for participants; rumor has it the Bread Loaf Teacher's Network members will also be sporting pertinent jerseys. Despite news of these and other casual costumes currently under construction, Interim Director Robert Stepto has declined to respond to calls for a summer fashion show, citing the possible misuse of mosquito netting as a definite deterrent.

The Hills are Alive...

If you've ever climbed a mountain and felt the urge to break into song, then the Barn's the place for you this evening as Janet Chance and Christa Bruce host this summer's Coffeehouse. Featured performers include Peter Horn, Doug Boardman, Gabby Lezra, Lael Jacobs, Rissy Wolf, Paul Eppley-Schmidt, Josina Reeves, Robert Holloway, and Chris Benson. All are invited to stop by for a tuneful interlude to studying; you can stay as long as you want or return to the books after replenishing your caffeine levels. The show gets underway at 9:00 PM.

Freeman to Treman; Misses Madrigals

Madrigal leader Jonathan Freeman has been invited to this week's cocktail party at Treman, and as such has had to postpone the Madrigals rehearsal (normally scheduled for this afternoon) until tomorrow at 4:45 in the Barn. He only very slightly regrets the inconvenience.

Panelists Ponder Plays

Michael Cadden, Susanne Wofford, and Isobel Armstrong will convene a panel on the four plays of Shakespeare's "Henriad" tomorrow evening at 7:30 in Barn A. Each will speak to his or her areas of expertise in order to provide a variety of approaches to the plays and their upcoming performances. All are invited to attend the discussion.

more cunning clues coming

kudos to those who correctly identified yesterday's poet as walt whitman from "song of myself." today's speaker is somewhat less egocentric; answers to his or her identity are due in the *crumb* mailbox by breakfast tomorrow. those correctly identifying whitman were: robbie harold (who, along with sabine chmielewski, also identified shakespeare the day before), julie lausé, dean blase, jon freeman, jamie perry, and liz bedell.



The Crum

Breadloaf School of English
Vermont Campus
"Errata Edition"

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Thursday, July 8, 1999

Today's Tidbits

"A man of genius makes no mistakes. His errors are volitional and are the portals of discovery."
— ?

Today's Events:

Madrigal rehearsal:
4:45 PM, Barn
"Henriad" Panel:
7:30 PM, Barn A

Dinner Menu

Seared tuna stakes with tomatoes and capers or stuffed peppers with coos coos and vegetables; steam brown rice, baby carrots, garden herb bread, and orange nut cake for desert.

Weather Watch



Today

Partially sunny with the chance for a freak shower like last nights. Cool with highs in the low 70's.

Tomorrow

Even cooler but cloudier with showers likely late in the day.

WeekEnd

Showers to start off with but becoming fair by Sunday, with highs still stuck in the 70s.

Regarding Henry

No, its not a showing of the movie which stars Harrison Ford its a panel which is about the *Henriad*, that is the quarto of plays which are being performed this summer. Beard Loaf Faculty Member's Michael Cadden, Susanne Wofford, and Isobel Armstrong will discuss the historical, cultural, and literary aspects of Shakespeares' 4 plays, this evening, at 7:30 pm tonight, in Barn A. Everyone's welcome to come and this panel will help enlarge their appreciating the plays.

Mountain Wordsmiths "In the Middst"

Tomorrow evening, for writers from the greater Broad Leaf community will read their writing for the second Annual "writers in the Middst" presentation. Jean Hanna Korelitz, Scott Allege, Harried Chessman, and Michelle Steeped*. The reading will begin to commence at 7:30 pm, and it will take place in Barn 1.

Film Filled with Falstaff

This friday nights movie is 'Chimes at Midnight.' Which was directed by Orson Wells, who stars in it, and Jeanne Moreau. The movie is about Falstaff. It also has Prince Hal in it. They were friends. Falstaff is funny sometimes. Prince Hal became king. Then they weren't friends any more. It is based on some plays by William Shakespeer. It shows at 9:00. It is in the barn.

Shirt Alerts

Those people who want a Charlie Orr fun run Tee-shirt should have ordered one by now and if you didn't, one can still order one by noon tomorrow. They cost \$10 dollars each even if you aren't going too run in the race, which is later in the summer on July 31st and is a 5K race which starts at johnson's pond at 9:30 in the morning and goes to the Robert Frost Interpretive trail and back and you can either run it or walk it, or some people walk their dogs too, and so its a lot of fun and help raise money for a scholar ship fund in memory of Charlie Orr who liked to run here at Bredloaf too. There's also the Bredloaf triathlon cubed race on July 24th which also starts at 9:30 in the morning and which has swimming, and running, and biking, and then more swimming, and more biking, and more running, and more swimming, and more running, and more biking, but their not always in that order and that is why its called the triathlon CUBED as in two the third power. They have a teeshirt to and its \$10 dollars to and you need to sine up for one by tomorrow to.

A Wearable Winner

The Bran Loaf Tea Shirt Committee thanx all those that entered the tea shirt contest. The runners-up tea shirt designs are posted outside the dinning hall inn the In and are by Lisa Busboy, Sarah Dyers, Patrick Guerre, and the team of Saline Chmielewski and Corona Gaubatz. Humble Crumber High Coil** submitted the winning design which will daybue on campus, as soon as the shirts are printed.

Telephone Troubles Trigger Tantrums

Bread Loofers are advised to remain calm cool and collected during our on going out going and in coming telephone call crisis as repairs should be made shorty. While repair persons fix the campus phones you can still use the booths in the Inn and the one by the laundry room. Hopefully the problems will be fixed today, and maybe even be fixed, by the time your reading this.

!@ Step Schedule

Twelvesteppers are reminded that on Saturday night, July !< they will have another meeting in Barn East. From 7:30 to *:#) pm. All are well come.

Grigsby's Gig

Dj Doug "Jiggy" Grigsby will totally "rock" the barn and "mosh the mix" in the Dance this weekend. Dougs one of three Djs who'l spin the tunes this summer and lets us "blow off" some steam and stress and just loosening up ourselves on the "dance floor." The action heats up in the Bread Loab Barn at nine oclock on saturday night. You can also get munchees and bevrages that they have there, and if you have your own "go cup" you can bring that to and use it to save on the plastic cups use. See you there!

Quirky Circus Smirkus

This Sunday the bristol family center and the addison county humain society will host the Vermont-home-based "circus smirkus," that features youth circus performers from all around the world. Tickets are \$7 dollars for kids and \$10 dollars for adults and help the good causes listed up above previously. Seating is not reserved so you should arrive early for best seating. Sandy Leggo in the Breadloaf office has some tickets for sale. So see her if you want some or want to know how to get some more. Performance's are at 2 pm and 7:00 pm, respectively.

Excitable Writers

Dont forget the Blue Pallor readings this Sunday! 4 - count them, 4! - Bead Loaf writers will read from their poems and prose! They're Beth Harris, and Marble Pixel, and Mary Jane Littered, and Rise "I Could Have Danced All Night" Wolf***! She was SO awesome at the coffeehouse last night! Did you see it? Weren't they all just FANTASTIC? I mean, it was just so IMPRESSIVE and INSPIRING to see all that talent, wasn't it? And now there's MORE of it! We are SO lucky!!!! The reading is at 7:30 in the blue parlor, so come on down! And here all the SUPER writing!!!!!!

Actors tackle twisted

Brent Loaf is pleased to pronounce its first theatrical production of the summer, Twisted. Written by former "crumb" editor Bill Aronson and directed by Carol MacVey. Four performances will be performed at 8:00 and 9:30 on Monday and Tuesday. Seating is space available. First come first serve. The doors will be opened fifteen minutes before the show so you can get a seat. For more information or special needs see Nan in the theatre. Ushers are also needed so if Nan can be helped by you in that respect she should be seen soon.

Hugh Lists These Winners

The preceding people have cause for rejoicing since they guessed correctly the yesterdays Quote-of-the-Day®, which was e.e.cummings, who wrote poem which the quote was from, and there are a lot of them who guessed it: Paul Parsons, Tic McGonegal, Liz Beadle, Gray Montage, VA Howard, Lisa Busboy, Joshua Freshet, Us Ready, Hillary Mead, Dean Balsa, Jamie Per, Saline Chmielewski, Robby Harold, and Tim Donate.**** Guesses at todays quote are do in the crumb mailbox by break fast tomorrow.

Editor Regrets Erroneous Regression

No, you're students didn't guest edit this edition of "The Crumb" but maybe it looks that way. Its just the annal "erratica" edition which if you didn't already notice has a few typos, gramatical gaffes, and sintactical challenges, some of them pretty obvious, some of them not so. Apologies to those who's names were mangled by the microsoft spellchecker which was what the editor accepted most of the suggestions from. The crumb invites those of you with some spare thyme on your hands to rev up those red pens and have at this edition and the person which gets the most correct corrections will get mention in tomorrow's edition of the *crumb*.

"Errata" (Apologies to Paul Muldoon)

For "first," read "Frost."
For "friction," read "fiction."
For "liberty," read "library."
For "water," read "waiter."
For "Furbee," read "Frisbee."
For "welter," read "weather."
For "Cerveza," read "Cervantes."
For "Sickly," read "Siècle."
For "BroadNet," read "BreadNet."
For "supine," read "sublime."
For "erotic," read "erratic."
For "dearly," read "deerfly."
For "Mardi Gras," read "Madrigals."
For "Mad dog," read "Maddox."
For "penal," read "panel."
For "Hernia," read "Henriad."
For "dumb," read "*Crumb*."

* Actual names (before spellchecker got hold of them): Jean Hanff Korelitz, Scott Elledge, Harriet Chessman, and Michelle Stepto.

** Lisa Busby, Sarah Myers, Patrick Guerrero, and the team of Sabine Chmielewski and Corinna Gaubatz; Humble Crumber Hugh Coyle

*** Actual names: Beth Harris, and Marcella Pixley, and Mary Jane Litchard, and Rissy "I Could Have Danced All Night" Wolf!

**** Actual names: Paul Parsons, Tish McGonegal, Liz Bedell, Gary Montaño, Eva Howard, Lisa Busby, Joshua Freschette, Su Ready, Hilary Mead, Dean Blase, Jamie Perry, Sabine Chmielewski, Robbie Harold, and Tim Donahue.



The Crumb

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Friday, July 9, 1999

Today's Tidbits

"The temple bell stops—
but the sound keeps coming
out of the flowers."

— ?

Today's Events:

Ultimate Frisbee: 7:00
PM, Field

"Writers in the
Middst" Reading:

7:30 PM, Barn 1

"Chimes at Mid-
night": 9:00 PM, Barn

Weekend Events:

Saturday

12-Step Meeting: 7:30
PM, Barn East

Dance: 9:00 PM, Barn

Sunday

Softball: 2:00 PM, Field

Ultimate Frisbee: 4:00

PM, Field

Blue Parlor Reading:

7:30 PM, Blue Parlor

Dinner Menu

Roast beef or Scalloped
eggplant and tomatoes;
brown rice with fennel
and fontina cheese,
broccoli and corn, and
"Brown Betty" apple
cobbler for dessert.

Weather Watch

Today

Rain developing out of
cloudy skies; cool with
highs in the high 60s.

Weekend

Rain on Saturday
clearing by Sunday,
continued cool.

Significant Scribes Assemble in "Middst"

Four of Bread Loaf's community writers will read from their fiction this evening at 7:30 pm in Barn 1. Scott Elledge, who has published numerous short stories, will be reading from his work-in-progress; Jean Hanff Korelitz will be reading from her recently published novel, *Sabbathday River*; Michele Stepto, whose translation *Lieutenant Nun: Memoir of a Basque Transvestite in the New World*, was named a *New York Times* Notable Book for 1997, will be reading new fiction; and Harriet Chessman, author of *Ohio Angels*, will be reading from her novel-in-progress, *Lydia Reading the Morning Paper*. Each of the authors is the significant other of another Bread Loaffer; test your Mountain IQ by matching them up in the quiz below:

Harriet Chessman

Jean Hanff Korelitz

Scott Elledge

Michelle Stepto

Jonathan Strong

Robert Stepto

Bryan Wolf

Paul Muldoon

Welles is Swell as Revelers Rebel

Tonight's feature film is "Chimes at Midnight," a comic drama based on the story of Sir John Falstaff, which features prominently in this summer's presentation of Shakespeare's "Henriad." The film, directed by Orson Welles, also stars Jeanne Moreau and explores the relationship between the infamous figure and Prince Hal, later to become known as King Henry V. The movie begins at 9:00 PM in the Barn; all are welcome.

12-Step Support on Saturday

Those interested in attending a 12-step-style program meeting are welcome to join an ongoing group tomorrow evening at 7:30 in Barn East. Bring materials with you if you have them; the group hopes to be able to meet all OA, AA, NA, and Al-Anon needs and perspectives.

8x10s \$12 7/9-7/18

Sample glossies from Ed Brown's recent campus photo-shooting spree are now on display outside the Bread Loaf office. Bread Loafers may order their own personal copies at a cost of \$12 a shot until July 18, after which the price will rise to \$15 and depend entirely on the availability of extras and leftovers. For more details, talk to Ed at the Front Desk.

"Twisted" Imminent

Bread Loaf's 1999 theater seasons kicks off to a wicked start with Billy Aronson's play "Twisted," receiving its debut here on the Mountain. Directed by Carol MacVey, the one-act play premieres on Monday night, with showings at 8:00 PM and 9:30 PM. The double bill repeats on Tuesday evening. Seats are available on a first-come, first-seated basis, with the theater doors opening 15 minutes before showtime. Ushers are needed for each of the performances; see Nan Leverett in the theater if you can help out in exchange for optimal audience placement.

Gettin' Griggy Wid It

Doug Grigsby will be DJ du jour on Saturday night for the second "Club Midd" dance extravaganza. Festivities commence at 9:00 PM and go until Grigsby gives up the jig. Heady beverages and fun finger foods will help restore the revelers' energy throughout the evening.

OED CD-ROM QED

Fulfilling the wishes and bequests of the Bread Loaf Class of 1998, the Davison Library now has a copy of the *Oxford English Dictionary* on CD-ROM for those wishing to make use of this valuable resource without undue eye strain. Check with one of the librarians for availability and give it a spin.

Desk Picks Up Circus Tix

Tickets for this Sunday's Circus Smirkus show can be picked up beginning this afternoon at the Front Desk, with funds raised going to benefit the Bristol Family Center and the Addison County Humane Society. The nationally recognized show features youth circus performers from around the globe. Tickets are \$7 for kids and \$10 for adults; kids under 3 are free. All seating is unreserved, so you should plan to arrive ahead of the show times of 2:00 PM and 7:00 PM. The performances take place at the Middlebury Rec Park, just off Route 7 before you arrive in Middlebury proper.

Sports Shorts

Cool weather hasn't stopped Bread Loaf's sports fanatics from flocking to the fields. Volleyball continues to draw an enthusiastic crowd each evening after dinner, and Ultimate Frisbee folks fuel the fast-paced action once again tonight at 7:00 and Sunday afternoon at 4:00. Softball players new and old are invited out to the field

at 2:00 PM on Sunday afternoon. Yoga classes will continue this weekend with sessions at 10:30 AM in Barn A. Weekend athletes are reminded that the Snack Bar is now open for pre- and post-game refreshments from 10 AM-noon and 2-6 PM on weekends.

Parlor Poet Redresses Errors

This weekend's Blue Parlor line-up features Bread Loaf writers Beth Harris, Marcella Pixley, Mary Jane Litchard, and Rissy Wolf reading from their works beginning at 7:30 PM on Sunday.

Mary Jane offers us this sample verse, penned after yesterday's edition of the "*Crum*:"

The Crum.

No! Not that Crumb!

This erratica Crumb!

Grab one next to the fruit bowl!

Come! Let's read the Crumb as we feast!

Oh my! Look at all the excitable errors!

Oh no! I am in the Excitable Writers!

There's Marble, Littered, and Rise!

Rise Littered Marble?

What an excitable Crum typist!

Ms Littered did chokingly giggled
at such a hysterical Crum.

Edition Elicits Guest Editing

Kudos to Genie Cheapen (Jeanie Chapin) and Marry Jam Littered (Mary Jane Litchard), both of whom turned in valiant proof-reading efforts following yesterday's error-ridden *Crumb*. While some folks burned their *Crums* in protest (or just for warmth; the editor couldn't tell), Jeanie and Mary Jane exemplified the corrective obsessiveness which, as Freud suggests, teachers sublimate into professional excellence. Bravo! The traditional edition inspired one letter-writer to respond:

Dear Editor: Regarding your "Errata Edition," it was not lost on me that tonight's dessert is nut cake. Keep on churning out the *Crumbs*; every word is food for thought! — A Juneau Friend

The Editor responds: "Nut cake? Crumb cake? Who can tell the difference?"

"eye cue" queens look to "high clue" master

A stalwart trio of Bread Loaf Quote-of-the-Day™ did the mental work necessary to translate "Hugh Lists These" into "Ulysses" and thereby find the source of yesterday's quote, James Joyce. Yes, they said yes they will guess yes, and they guessed correctly: Liz Bedell, Samantha Dunaway, and Colleen Ruggieri. Responses to today's mystery author are due in the *Crumb* mailbox by breakfast on Monday.



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Bread Loaf School of English
Vermont Campus
"Loafapalooza"

Volume 80, Number 15

Monday, July 12, 1999

Today's Tidbits

"There is a passion for hunting something deeply implanted in the human breast."
— ?

Today's Events:

Madrigals Rehearsal:
4:45 PM, Barn
"Twisted" Play: 8:00
and 9:30, Theater

Dinner Menu

Roasted marinated loin of pork or broiled eggplant with pine nut sauce; delmonico potatoes, peas and mushrooms, and opera cake for dessert.

Weather Watch



This week

Mostly sunny skies are expected for the entire week, with temperatures around 80 during the day and cool at night.

A Twist in "Twisted" Ticketing

The world premiere of Billy Aronson's comic one-act play "Twisted" will take place this evening in the Burgess Meredith Little Theater. Directed by Carol MacVey and featuring several Bread Loaf community players, the show offers a new twist, so to speak, on the notion of mistaken identities. Performances are at 8:00 and 9:30. Seating is general admission, with doors opening 15 minutes beforehand. Tickets are now available for those wishing to ensure admission to one of the performances; they can be picked up at the box office (in the southwest corner of the Theater) today and tomorrow from 1:30–2:30 and from 5:00–6:00. Bread Loafers with tickets will be seated first; after that, all other comers will be allowed in on a space available basis.

Dead Poets Society

Paul Muldoon has agreed to serve as Principal Reader for a potentially new Bread Loaf tradition, a late-night lamp-light reading of Robert Frost's poetry at the Robert Frost Cabin. Bread Loafers are encouraged to bring along a favorite Frost poem to share at the open reading. The event will occur at 11:00 PM tomorrow night; a van will depart from in front of the Inn at 10:30 for those needing a ride. The reading will serve as a respectful reminder of Frost's influence on the Bread Loaf community; daylight tours of the Cabin itself will be offered in the coming weeks.

Strong's Throngs

Hordes of devoted fiction aficionados are expected to fill the Barn on Wednesday evening as Bread Loaf faculty member Jonathan Strong reads from his work. This third offering in the Bread Loaf Faculty Reading Series will begin at 7:30 PM; all are welcome to attend.

Gearing up for the Gallop

Bread Loafers intending to run in this summer's 21st Annual Goshen Gallop, listed as one of the toughest 10K races in the Northeast, can drop off their entry forms at the Front Desk by Wednesday at noon so that Ed Brown can bring them up to Blueberry Hill. The \$20 pre-race entry fee entitles you to a T-shirt, a swim in the pond, a relaxing sauna, and a spectacular buffet dinner at the Blueberry Hill Inn following the event. Ed also has spare entry forms if you need one. Proceeds from the race benefit the Moosalamoo Association, a non-profit group that fosters responsible recreational participation and environment awareness in the area. The race takes place on Sunday, July 25th, with a start time of 4:00 PM.

"Acts" Faculty Repeats Threepenny

From the "Between the Acts" teachers: "Tuesday morning at 10:00 in the Barn, those who don't have class are invited to revisit last summer's production of Brecht's *Threepenny Opera* with our class. Cast members for the selections include Brian McEleney, Jenn Mudge-Tucker, Annie Scurria, and Ellen McLaughlin along with the amazing Amanda Dehnert on piano. All are welcome." Check on the Barn doors that morning in the event of a shift in time or location.

The Cinema of Sexuality

Bread Loaf's gay, lesbian, and bisexual group will be hosting a movie night tomorrow beginning at 9:00 in Barn 5. The short film "Trevor" (about a teenage boy coming to terms with his sexuality) will be followed by the comedy "Billy's Hollywood Screen Kiss." All are welcome to come and enjoy one or both of the films.

T Time

Shannon McCreery reports that she has lost a light blue Gap® T-shirt, last seen in the laundry room along with one big white terry towel, also missing. Please be in touch with her if you've recovered either or both of those items. On a related note, Ed Brown reports that he expects a few extra Charlie Orr Fun Run and Bread Loaf Triathlon T-shirts to come in with the order, and will reserve shirts on a first-come, first-served basis for those who did not yet order one. See him for full details.

Group Shot Gallery

School photos of all configurations remain posted outside the Front Desk for those interested in purchasing copies of the glossies. Market value has been set at \$12 apiece until this coming Sunday, after which the order will be submitted. Any extra photos will be sold for \$15 apiece once the pictures have arrived. See Ed Brown at the Front Desk for details.

"Twist-ed" Tips Trip up Tidbitters

Only a few folks recognized the Master of Haiku Basho as the poet in question for Friday's Quote-of-the-Day™; correct respondents included Jamie Perry, Su Ready, and Jacques Lezra, who wrote: "By the way, a good definition of a haiku is 'a poetic crumb.'" Bread Loafers with expectations of being in tomorrow's Winners' Circle should submit their guesses to the *Crumb* by breakfast tomorrow.



the micro-

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Bread Loaf School of English
Vermont Campus
"Little Italy"

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Tuesday, July 13, 1999

Today's Tidbits

"I think no virtue
comes with size."
-- ?

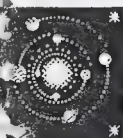
Today's Events :

8:00 PM, Barn 2
Theater
BT movies: 9:00
Barn 5
Post Reading: 10:45
Frost Cabin

Dinner Menu

app scallopini or veg-
le risotto; baked
red potatoes,
green beans, to-
herb rolls, and
on Cream Pie for
sert.

Weather Watch



Today

clouds dispersing,
partly sunny,
near 80.

End of the Week

Mostly sunny and
fair, warming up
over time into
the high 80's.

Wickedly Witty "Twisted"

Former *Crumb* Editor Billy Aronson's manic one-act comedy "Twisted" will conclude its limited world-premiere run this evening with two more shows in the Burgess Meredith Little Theater. The 45-minute play is directed by Carol MacVey and showcases the high-energy talents of student actors Kelly Flynn, Bill Rich, Shane Gilbert, and Mike Stanitski. Performances begin at 8:00 and 9:30; tickets are still available for both and can be picked up for free at the box office (southwest corner of the theater building) from 1:30-2:30 PM and from 5:00-6:00 PM today. Seating is general admission and somewhat limited; ticket holders will be seated 15 minutes before the show, but those without tickets can hang on and wait for available spaces.

Frost Honored in Tradition Initiative

Bread Loafers are invited to take part in the potential birth of a new tradition tonight by convening at the Frost Cabin for an hour or so of lamplit readings from the works of Robert Frost himself. Poet-in-residence Paul Muldoon will lead the recitations before ceding either stoop or chair to those who have come with their own favorite Frost poems to share. Dress warmly (as a large crowd will result in a reading just outside the Cabin) and bring bug spray and flashlights if you've got them. Van service will be offered from the Front Porch of the Inn beginning at 10:30 PM, with the reading expected to start between 10:45 and 11:00. All are welcome to come pay homage to Bread Loaf's "Pater Poet" in this "Dead Poets Society" style outing.

Silver Screen Kisses

For anyone interested in a bit of a study break this evening, Bread Loaf's g/l/b/t group will be holding an informal movie night beginning at 9:00 in Barn 5. The half-hour-long film "Trevor" (about a gay high school boy coming to terms with his crush on a straight classmate) will be followed by the comic feature film "Billy's Hollywood Screen Kiss." Bread Loafers of all orientations are invited to come and enjoy one or both of the films.

Strong Stokes Explicit Expectations

Faculty member and writer-in-residence Jonathan Strong will read from his fiction tomorrow evening at 7:30 in the Barn. Jonathan's books include *Offspring*, *The Old World*, and *Secret Words*, all of which can be purchased in the Bread Loaf Bookstore. Acknowledging that Bread Loaf is all the more wonderful for its vibrant population of children, Jonathan advises parents and other potentially hypersensitive souls that his reading selection encompasses somewhat explicit situations.

In Stitches

For those left in stitches by "Twisted" and seeking more involvement in Bread Loaf's theater scene, the costume shop is in want of sewers to help affix labels to the "Henriad" wardrobe. See Alex or Gail in the northwest corner of the theater to volunteer your stitching services.

Feline Phraseology

Michelle Stepto wishes to assist a friend in coming up with a catchy company name, and seeks Bread Loaf's collective suggestions for a common cat name beginning with "B." In her own version of the Miller Analogies Test, Michelle requests us to complete the following: "Bowser" is to dog as B ____ is to cat. So far "Bob" (as in bobcat) and "Bigglesworth" (a la "Austin Powers") don't quite seem to fit the bill. Send your helpful answers along to her via campus mail.

Mindful Reminders

Bread Loafers wishing to stretch and strengthen both their physical and karmic muscles are reminded of this afternoon's Bikram yoga session with Maggie Christinat at 5:00 in Barn 2.

Those wishing to maintain a level of support for and understanding of issues around AA, OA, NA, and Al-Anon are reminded of the 12-step meeting taking



place this afternoon from 1:00-1:50 in Barn East.

Finally, those students on the Nu-Way linen service plan are reminded to exchange their used for new tomorrow at noon behind the Inn.

Wildlife Sightings

Wildlife watchers on campus this summer have enjoyed a bounty of wildlife sightings beyond the normal bats, chipmunks, and mice. Numerous reports indicate that a fox has taken up residence nearby and often can be seen dashing across the west lawn; moose sightings in all directions have been rather frequent as well. Yesterday, the *Crumb* received this report from Nancy Robinson: "Tonight I was running on the Sucker Brook Trail about a quarter mile into the woods off of the highway. I heard a noise, looked into the woods, and saw a mountain lion. The animal was about the size of a full-grown Labrador dog. It was only about thirty feet away, and I saw it climb a tree—it was *not* a dog. The cat looked at me and wasn't scared. I'm from the big woods in Washington state, where we are on constant cougar alert. In case of a sighting, look like a predator, not like prey! Do not run away scared. I put my arms above my head to look more intimidating and let out a roar. The animal trotted away."

Nancy's reports confirm the existence of a catamount in our back yard, something which local residents have been speculating for some time. While considered largely harmless to humans in the area, the cat should still be regarded with caution and respect. Those seeking additional precautions might consider carrying pepper spray or some other deterrent into the woods with them, but be especially careful with such items and use them only as a last resort. You don't want to antagonize wildlife that was going to run off anyway, as most denizens of the Vermont backwoods will (the men of Gilmore included, of course).

Glossy Glosses

A gallery of school photos remains on display around the Front Desk for those interested in purchasing copies of the glossies. (By school photos, we mean pictures of the full school, the Senior class, group shots of the staff and faculty, Bread Loaf Rural Teacher networkers, and members of the wait staff.) Market value has been set at \$12 apiece until this coming Sunday, after which Ed will send in the order. (By "market value," we defer to current capitalistic expectations of sale, thereby defining the item vis-à-vis the interest attached to it by the over-arching culture, itself in some ways derivative but not limited to economic considerations on a sociopolitical scale.) Extra photos will be available for \$15 apiece once the pictures have arrived. (This increase in price is not a guarantee that the pictures you purchase will increase in value. All models depicted are at least 18 years of age. State taxes applicable where indicated. This offer is void in states where deconstruction is a punishable offense.)

Simple Hints Transcend Explanation

Quote-of-the-Day™ competitors continue to demand that the clues cease ministering to the masses, though yesterday's take on the quote from *Oliver Twist* still found several folks guessing Hemingway while others correctly identified Dickens. Says Gary Montañó, who answered correctly, "Alas, these quotes have put us all upon *Hard Times*." Joining Gary in the Winners' Circle are Joy Rutter, Bob Colonna, Chris Benson, and Jamie Perry. Read today's clues carefully lest you find yourself tempted to rely on unscholarly assumptions; answers are due in the *Crumb* mailbox by breakfast tomorrow.



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"Break, break, break
On thy cold gray stones,
O Sea!

And I would that my
tongue could utter
The thoughts that arise
in me."

— ?

Today's Events:

Rinde Eckert Con-
cert: 10:00 PM, Barn

Dinner Menu

Barb-B-Que pork spare
ribs or mixed bean and
eggplant gratin; pota-
toes and mushrooms in
cream sauce, peas, wal-
nut raisin rolls, and
cheesecake for dessert.

Weather Watch



Today

Mostly sunny with
highs in the upper 80s.
Slight chance of a
thunderstorm later in
the day.

Weekend

Mostly to partly sunny
skies, high tempera-
tures around 90. Late
afternoon and evening
thunderstorms pos-
sible each day.

For the Sake of a Break

Bread Loafers are reminded that there will be no classes tomorrow as we recess for our mid-session break. Please make a note of the other following changes in Bread Loaf's operational schedules:

- Meal times will be on a weekend schedule beginning tomorrow at breakfast.
- The Bookstore will be closed tomorrow.
- The Box Office will be closed tomorrow.
- The Bread Loaf Office will be closed tomorrow.
- There will be no downtown van run tomorrow.
- There will be no *Crumb* tomorrow.
- The Computer Center will close around 9:00 PM-ish Friday and Saturday.

Maddox Back on Campus

Director Jim Maddox will return this weekend from his tour of Bread Loaf's westernmost campuses. Those seeking appointments with him next week should reserve a time via the Bread Loaf office before Jim jets off to Oxford the following week.

Deadline Nigh

Bread Loaf Poets are reminded that the deadline for the annual Bread Loaf Poetry Contest is near at hand; submissions are due in the Bread Loaf office by Monday afternoon at 5:00. Check with Dianne Baroz in the office for a copy of the contest guidelines.

DJs in PJs

DJ Abra Chernik will make her debut on the Mountain music scene this Saturday night as the guest of DJ "D-Nice" Grigsby, who will reprise his groove-riding role from last weekend. The "Micro-Dance," so named because of the smaller population of people on campus during the break, doubles as Bread Loaf's now-annual "Pajama Party." Revelers are encouraged to come attired in their sleepwear (or lack thereof). The dance begins at 9:00 PM and will last until 1:00 AM-ish; sustenance for the sleepy-headed will be served.

Writers Return to Read

Bread Loafers are reminded that the Blue Parlor Reading series will continue this weekend despite the break. Poets and prose-writers Tim Plaehn, Rebecca Armstrong, Trey Martin, and Polly Kimberly will present their work beginning at 7:30 PM in the Blue Parlor. All are welcome to attend and enjoy delightful post-dinner beverages during the hour-long reading.

Tix Fix

Tickets for the first half of the "Henriad" are now available in the Theater box office (in the southwest corner of the theater). Box office hours will be 1:30-2:30 PM and 5:00-6:00 PM each weekday; please note that the box office will be closed on Friday for the break. Even though seating will be general admission, tickets are needed for admission. Bread Loafers may pick up two free tickets for each of the four plays; extras will be made available once we've all had a chance to choose performances. Tickets will soon be available for the second week of readings. Check with Nan Leverett, the Box Office Manager, if you have any questions or concerns.

For those planning ahead, here are the dates for the entire "Henriad." The staged readings begin at 7:30 PM.

Tues, 7/20	<i>Richard II</i>
Wed, 7/21	<i>Richard II</i>
Thur, 7/22	<i>Henry IV, Part 1</i>
Fri, 7/23	<i>Henry IV, Part 1</i>
Sat, 7/24	<i>Henry IV, Part 2</i>
Sun, 7/25	<i>Henry IV, Part 2</i>
Tues, 7/27	<i>Henry V</i>
Wed, 7/28	<i>Henry V</i>
Thur, 7/29	<i>Richard II</i>
Fri, 7/30	<i>Henry IV, Part 1</i>
Sat, 7/31	<i>Henry IV, Part 2</i>
Sun, 8/1	<i>Henry V</i>

Rinde's Recital Relocated

This evening's concert by Rinde Eckert, internationally known musician and actress Ellen McLaughlin's husband, has been shifted to the Barn so that preparations for the "Henriad" may continue in the Theater. Rinde will entertain all those assembled at 10:00 PM.

"Chickadee" Chuckles

Treat yourself to the old-time comic stylings of W. C. Fields tomorrow night as "My Little Chickadee" makes its way to the silver screen in the Barn. Showtime is 9:00 PM; stop by for some fresh popcorn before the show.

Quoters Take Break; Play Tennis on Weekend

Congratulations to C.C. Davies, who got her first Quote-of-the-Day™ ever and guessed, caloooh callay, that Lewis Carroll (a.k.a. Charles Dodgson) spoke yesterday's quote and also invented the word "frabjous." Joining her in the Winners' Circle were Gary Montañó, Janet Atkins, Bob Colonna, and Joy Rutter. Today's is easy, as is the clue; all lords and ladies who know who it is can inform the *Crumb* at their leisure over the break, break, break.



The Crumb

Bread Loaf School of English
Vermont Campus
"The Write Stuff"

Volume 80, Number 19

Monday, July 19, 1999

Today's Tidbits

"Some say that gleams of
a remoter world
Visit the soul in sleep—
that death is slumber,
And that its shapes the
busy thoughts
outnumber
Of those who wake and
live." — ?

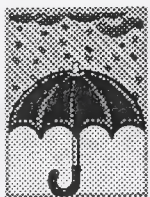
Today's Events:

Madrigal Rehearsal:
4:45 PM, Barn
Robert Stepto Reading:
7:30 PM, Barn

Dinner Menu

Chicken Cordon Bleu
or Tomato Clare Mont.,
wild rice pilaf, veg-
etable melange, Brus-
sels sprouts, and 4-nut
caramel tart for dessert.

Weather Watch



Today

Variable cloudiness
with occasional rain
likely. Highs in the
low 80s.

Tuesday through Thursday

Mostly to partly sunny
skies, with tempera-
tures around 80.

Step to Steps Up

Due to unforeseen circumstances, scheduled guest speaker Luci Tapahonso will be unable to join us on campus this evening for a reading. In her place, Bread Loaf faculty member Robert Stepto has agreed to step up to the podium and read from his most recent book, *Blue as the Lake: A Personal Geography*. Soon to be issued in a paperback edition, the memoir explores Robert's relationship with various regions and localities throughout his life. Copies of the hardcover edition are available in the Book Store. All are invited to attend the reading, which will take place at 7:30 PM in the Barn.

Minding the Fires

While Bread Loaf students burn the midnight oil, the cast and crew of the "Henriad" will be burning wood on the West Lawn of the theater for portions of the upcoming plays. Volunteer fire-tenders are needed to maintain and contain the flames; those interested in helping out should be in touch with Ashley Elder in the theater sometime today or tomorrow.

Photo Finish

Today is the final day to submit a request for one of the 1999 Bread Loaf group photographs, currently on display around the Front Desk of the Inn. Ed "Click Click Snap Snap" Brown will submit the order tomorrow. Final prints should be ready for pick-up in a week or so. 8 x 10 glossies are \$12 apiece pre-ordered, with any extras sold for \$15 apiece while supplies last after delivery.

Note to Poets:

The Meter's Running

Time is running out for those wishing to submit work for the annual Bread Loaf Poetry Contest. Entries are due in the Bread Loaf office by 5:00 PM Eastern Standard Time today. The winner will receive a \$300 cash award and campus-wide publication; students at all Bread Loaf campuses are eligible. For complete guidelines on how to enter your work, check with Dianne Baroz in the Bread Loaf office.

Readers Needed

Sejal Sutaria seeks assistants who would be willing to read to her one or two times a week on a flexible schedule. In return, she offers to pay \$7 per hour. You can catch up with her around campus or send an e-mail via BreadNet if you're available to help her with her reading for the summer.

Show-goers Guide to a Prime Play Experience

Bread Loafers may now pick up free tickets for the first half of the "Henriad" in the Theater box office (in the southwest corner of the theater). Tickets are required for admission, though seating is on a general admission basis. Those without tickets may wait outside any performance for available spaces once ticketed patrons have been seated. The box office will be open between 1:30–2:30 PM and 4:30–5:30 PM each weekday. Bread Loafers may reserve two tickets for each of the four plays; extras will be made available once everyone has had a chance to pick their preferred performances. See Nan Leverett, the Box Office Manager, with any questions or concerns. Nan also seeks ushers for each of the shows; drop her a note if you can help out in exchange for optimal seating.

Theater-goers are reminded that these are staged readings of the plays and not full productions. As such, actors and actresses may be seen reading from scripts. The shows are, in a sense, to be considered works in progress owing to the limitations of our summer schedule.

In order to ensure the safety and comfort of all audience members, please consider the following guidelines and suggestions:

- Cushions and pillows can greatly improve the comfort of the hard wooden seats in the theater, so feel free to bring them along with you to the show.
- As parts of several performances will take place outdoors, please dress with the cool night weather in mind, and bring coats and jackets if light rain is forecast. (Heavy rain will bring the performance entirely indoors.)
- Proper footwear must be worn inside the theater to avoid injury. Those without footwear will be turned away from the performances.

Once again, here is a list of performance dates. All of the staged readings take place at 7:30 PM in and around the Burgess Meredith Little Theater.

Tues, 7/20	<i>Richard II</i>
Wed, 7/21	<i>Richard II</i>
Thur, 7/22	<i>Henry IV, Part 1</i>
Fri, 7/23	<i>Henry IV, Part 1</i>
Sat, 7/24	<i>Henry IV, Part 2</i>
Sun, 7/25	<i>Henry IV, Part 2</i>
Tues, 7/27	<i>Henry V</i>
Wed, 7/28	<i>Henry V</i>
Thur, 7/29	<i>Richard II</i>
Fri, 7/30	<i>Henry IV, Part 1</i>
Sat, 7/31	<i>Henry IV, Part 2</i>
Sun, 8/1	<i>Henry V</i>

Try the Tri

Bread Loaf athletes, competitors, and all around super-jocks are invited to meet the challenge of the Bread Loaf 1999 Triathlon Cubed, a multi-stage race taking place this Saturday beginning at 9:30 AM from the Front Porch of the Inn. Individuals and three-person teams will bike, run, swim, run, bike, run, swim, run, etc. etc. etc. on a course criss-crossing the greater Bread Loaf metropolitan district. Those seeking teammates for legs of the race can register their needs at the Front Desk, where Innkeeper Ed Brown (who successfully completed last year's race in an impressive time) would be happy to answer any questions or concerns about the event. A few T-shirts are still on hand for those desiring them; check with Ed for availability.

Madness Takes Its Toll

Those of you shivering with antici...pation for weird and wild revels need look no further than this upcoming weekend, when the Bread Loaf Barn turns into the Frank'n'Furter Farmhouse for Friday night's showing of the cult classic "The Rocky Horror Picture Show." Following that on Saturday, its time for Bread Loaf's most legendary social event, the Suppressed Desires party. It's a dress-as-you-want-to-be, not-as-you-are kind of affair, with costumes ranging from the ridiculously literal to the ludicrously obtuse. Start planning now for what promises to be one of your most memorable Bread Loaf experiences, even if you later find yourself rather hesitant to share news of it with friends and family back home...

Bring Back the Books

Bread Loaf Librarian Brent Goeres reminds students to return any borrowed books that they are not currently using so that others might take advantage of them. Those in question about their holdings should consult with one of the librarians.

How Shall I Answer?

Those looking to figure out the strategies behind the Quote-of-the-Day™ need look no further than last Thursday's challenge, in which the clue "Play Tennis On Weekend" led inevitably to Alfred Lord Tennyson and his poem "Break, Break, Break." Those correctly guessing Tennyson included Sandy LeGault, Sandy Brutkoski, Robert Berman, Kim Steinberg, Janet Atkins, and Gary Montañó. Those looking for further clues to the source of today's quote might do well to set their sights east of our surrounding Green Mountains and consider New Hampshire's famous range instead.



The Crumb

Bread Loaf School of English
Vermont Campus
"Going for Boling-Broke"

Volume 80, Number 20

Tuesday, July 20, 1999

Today's Tidbits

"Ink runs from the corners of my mouth.
There is no happiness like mine.
I have been eating poetry."
— ?

Today's Events:

12-Step Group Meeting: 1:00 PM, Barn East
Yoga: 4:45 PM, Barn 2
Play: "Richard II": 7:30 PM, Theater

Dinner Menu

Vermicelli with fennel, shrimp, and roasted tomato sauce or ratatouille with Asiago cheese; cauliflower and peas; Frenchy's surprise for dessert.

Weather Watch



Today

Mostly sunny; cooler and dry. Highs in the low 80s.

Tomorrow

High thin clouds, temperatures around 80.

Thursday

Partly cloudy with a chance of showers; highs in the low 80s.

Richard Kicks Off "Henriad"

This summer's theatrical production of William Shakespeare's "Henriad" opens this evening with a staged reading of *Richard II* directed by Alan MacVey. Members of the Bread Loaf Acting Ensemble will be joined by students and other community members for the performance. The historical tragedy centers on the tensions between Richard and Henry Bolingbroke (later to become King Henry IV) in England and Ireland during the final years of the 14th Century. The reading will be repeated tomorrow night and again on Thursday, July 29, when the entire "Henriad" cycle will be performed on consecutive nights. All shows begin at 7:30 PM in the Burgess Meredith Little Theater.

A few notes for theater-goers: As these are staged readings and not finished productions, you can expect to see actors and actresses reading from scripts throughout the evening. For your own general comfort, you might consider bringing along a cushion or pillow to lessen the effects of the hard wooden seats in the theater. Also, be aware that long sections of several performances will take place outdoors, so please dress with the cool night weather in mind. Proper footwear must also be worn inside the theater.

Maddox's Excellent Alaskan Adventure

Jim Maddox writes: "A number of you have asked me what Alaska was like on my recent visit. Yesterday, I received an e-mail message from Lucy Maddox that included the following passage, about a salmon-fishing outing she took with fellow faculty member Emily Bartels and John Pugh, Chancellor of the University of Alaska Southeast. In this summer distinguished by spectacular animal sightings, I thought you might like to read Lucy's description (quoted with her permission)."

Lucy writes, "Yesterday, Emily and I went out with John Pugh on his boat and had a glorious day. We found a pod of humpbacks almost immediately; they made a big circle around us, surfacing every ten minutes or so, for the whole four hours we were out. We counted at least nine whales and think there were probably more. The most amazing thing was that several times, the whole pod surfaced at once, in a kind of tangle: you could see noses, fins, flukes, backs, all in a giant mass. It was a whole different thing from the blowing and surfacing, one at a time. This was bizarre and very dramatic. I need to consult a whale expert to find out what that was all about."

Box Office Offerings

Tickets for all performances of the "Henriad" are now available in the Bread Loaf box office (in the southwest corner of the Theater). Box Office hours are 1:30–2:30 PM and 4:30–5:30 PM each weekday. General admission seating for ticket-holders normally begins 15 minutes before the show (i.e. 7:15); non-ticket-holders will be seated on a space available basis a few minutes before the show. Check with Nan Leverett, the Box Office Manager, if you have any questions or concerns. Nan still needs ushers and fire-tenders for each of the shows; see her in the theater or drop her a note if you can help out in exchange for prime seating.

Once again, here is a list of dates for the entire "Henriad." Start time for all of the staged readings is 7:30 PM in the Burgess Meredith Little Theater. The Bread Loaf Madrigalists will offer a short concert prior to the final four performances from 7/29–8/1.

Tonight, 7/20	<i>Richard II</i>
Wed, 7/21	<i>Richard II</i>
Thur, 7/22	<i>Henry IV, Part 1</i>
Fri, 7/23	<i>Henry IV, Part 1</i>
Sat, 7/24	<i>Henry IV, Part 2</i>
Sun, 7/25	<i>Henry IV, Part 2</i>
Tues, 7/27	<i>Henry V</i>
Wed, 7/28	<i>Henry V</i>
Thur, 7/29	<i>Richard II</i>
Fri, 7/30	<i>Henry IV, Part 1</i>
Sat, 7/31	<i>Henry IV, Part 2</i>
Sun, 8/1	<i>Henry V</i>

12-Step Reminder

Those Bread Loaf community members attending meetings of the 12-step group are reminded of this afternoon's gathering from 1:00 until 1:50 in Barn East.

Madrigal Melodists Delayed a Day

Madrigal Maestro Jonathan Freeman reminds his singers that tomorrow's scheduled rehearsal has been moved to Thursday at 4:45 PM in the Barn. Please adjust your itineraries accordingly.

Yoga-Goers on Hold

Owing to the pressing demands of coursework and a desire to see at least some of the "Henriad," Maggie Christinat announces that this afternoon's yoga session (at 5:00 in Barn 2) will be the last regularly scheduled session of the summer. Maggie may announce a few



more occasional sessions in the weeks ahead; check future *Crumbs* for more news. In the meantime she writes, "Thanks to all those dedicated yoga-ites who kept the class going."

Wild Wild Weekend

This upcoming weekend finds the Bread Loaf campus at the peak of its summer social calendar as the legendary Suppressed Desires Dance blasts into the Barn. The traditional costume ball begins at 10:30 PM on Saturday; prizes will be awarded in a number of categories, including Most Impressive Individual Transformation and Best Group Get-Up. Those still seeking ideas for their party garb might look no further than Friday night's feature showing of "The Rocky Horror Picture Show" in the Barn. The film's famous lips will kiss the screen at 9:00.

Those seeking a more natural definition of "wild" should check future *Crumbs* for announcements of a hike up nearby Mount Abraham. Trip leader and Mountain Meteorologist Hugh Coyle is keeping an eye on the skies in preparation for that outing.

Wild writers Shannon McCreery, Abra Chernik, Nicole Johnson, and Meredith Drum will fill the Blue Parlor with grrrrl power for Sunday night's series reading; that event begins at 7:30 and will feature all sorts of post-supper refreshment.

Frostiana à la Favretti

Maggie Favretti, who has developed into something of a local expert on all things Frost over the past weeks, will lead tours of the famed poet's Cabin this coming Saturday afternoon (weather permitting) at 4:00, 4:30, and 5:00. Mixing historical fact with anecdotal allegory, Maggie hopes to provide a whimsical glimpse into the life of Bread Loaf's famous (and often infamous) neighbor. Tour-goers should arrange for their own transportation to and from the Cabin; check with Maggie if you need a ride or have any questions, concerns, or requests.

Atkins Stands Alone

Janet Atkins made her mark in the Quote-of-the-Day™ contest by providing the only correct response to yesterday's quote, an excerpt from Percy Bysshe Shelley's poetic masterpiece "Mont Blanc" (or "White Mountain"). Let us see who else may romp with joy in the bookish dark by correctly guessing the identity of today's speaker. Answers are due in the *Crumb* mailbox by breakfast tomorrow.



The Crumb

Bread Loaf School of English
Vermont Campus
"The Highlight Zone"

Volume 80, Number 21

Wednesday, July 21, 1999

Today's Tidbits

"The work of the world is common as mud.
Botched, it smears the hands, crumbles to dust.
But the thing worth doing well done has a shape that satisfies, clean and evident."
— ?

Today's Events:

Ultimate Frisbee: 7:00 PM, Field
Bread Loaf Teacher Network Presentation: 7:30 PM, Barn 1
Play: "Richard II": 7:30 PM, Theater

Dinner Menu

Maple glazed ham or butternut squash ravioli with apple and cheddar cheese; roasted garlic mashed potatoes; turnips, rutabagas, and carrots; and ice cream for dessert.

Weather Watch



Today

Mostly sunny; highs in the low 80s.

Tomorrow

Partly sunny, highs in the low 80s.

Friday

Partly cloudy; highs in the low 80s.

Prominent Playwright Appears on Campus

Bread Loaf extends a gracious welcome to playwright David Henry Hwang, who will be meeting with students and their classes throughout the remainder of the week. David has also agreed to hold an open discussion tomorrow afternoon at 5:00 in Barn 1 for those interested in learning more about his plays and his writing strategies. David wrote the critically acclaimed *M. Butterfly* and, several years ago, developed his play *Golden Child* while in residence at Bread Loaf. We are hopeful that David might return again next summer to continue work on his latest piece, a historical play based on the French painter Gauguin. All are welcome to attend the discussion tomorrow afternoon.

Richard Receives Rave Reviews

Many of those in attendance at last night's staged reading of *Richard II* expressed amazement at the high quality of the performance, especially considering the ambitious goal of taking on the entire "Henriad" after only a few weeks of rehearsal. Congratulations to Director Alan MacVey along with the cast and crew of the project for the stellar reviews received on opening night.

Richard II will be performed once again this evening before the cycle moves on to *Henry IV, Part 1* tomorrow evening. *Richard II* will also play one final time on Thursday, July 29. Check the schedule below for the times of other plays. All shows begin at 7:30 PM and take place in and around the Burgess Meredith Little Theater.

Some notes and reminders for show-goers: As the four plays being presented are staged readings and not finished productions, you can expect to see actors and actresses referring to their scripts throughout the performances. You would do well to consider carrying along a cushion or pillow to increase the comfort of the theater's stiff seats. Dress with the cool evening weather in mind, as long portions of several plays take place outdoors. Children under 10 should not attend the performances without direct adult supervision.

Teacher Networkers Connect

Members of the Bread Loaf Teachers' Network will offer a panel presentation on their work this evening at 7:30 in Barn 1. The teachers involved will describe ways in which they use BreadNet to create a social and literary context for student exchanges and to facilitate cooperative writing, editing, and publishing projects. All are welcome to attend and learn how to get their own classrooms connected.

Attending the "Henriad"

Tickets for all performances of the "Henriad" can be picked up in the Bread Loaf box office (in the southwest corner of the Theater) between the hours of 1:30–2:30 and 4:30–5:30 PM each weekday. Theater doors will open 15 minutes before each show for ticket-holders; non-ticket-holders will be offered available seats just prior to curtain. If you no longer need your tickets for a performance, please return them to Nan Leverett in the Box Office or via campus mail so that they may be given to someone else. Nan could still use ushers and fire-tenders; be in touch with her soon if you can help out.

Here is the schedule for the remaining performances of the "Henriad." Start time for all shows is 7:30 PM. The Bread Loaf Madrigalists will perform a short concert prior to the final four performances.

Tonight, 7/21	<i>Richard II</i>
Thur, 7/22	<i>Henry IV, Part 1</i>
Fri, 7/23	<i>Henry IV, Part 1</i>
Sat, 7/24	<i>Henry IV, Part 2</i>
Sun, 7/25	<i>Henry IV, Part 2</i>
Tues, 7/27	<i>Henry V</i>
Wed, 7/28	<i>Henry V</i>
Thur, 7/29	<i>Richard II</i>
Fri, 7/30	<i>Henry IV, Part 1</i>
Sat, 7/31	<i>Henry IV, Part 2</i>
Sun, 8/1	<i>Henry V</i>

Rehearsal Reminder

The Madrigalist's commanding chorister, Jon Freeman, reminds his merry band of music-makers that the group's rehearsal has been moved from this afternoon to tomorrow afternoon at 4:45 in the Barn.

South African Scholars Speak

Brenda and Martin Hall, who will be visiting our campus from the University of Cape Town in South Africa, will speak of their experiences there on Friday afternoon at 5:00 in Barn 1. All interested community members are encouraged to attend.

The Tour Not Taken

Tours of the Frost Cabin, postponed from the original picnic date, will be offered this Saturday afternoon at 4:00, 4:30, and 5:00. Assistant to the Director Maggie Favretti will guide all comers through the Cabin and offer amusing anecdotes and insights about the poet's times here on the Mountain. Bread Loafers should arrange for their own transportation to and from the Cabin; check with Maggie if you need a ride and/or directions to the site.

Horrorific Erratum

Yesterday's *Crumb* stated that this Friday's feature film, "The Rocky Horror Picture Show," would begin at 9:00 PM in the Barn. Owing to the performance of *Henry IV, Part 2* that night in the Theater, the movie will not begin until 11:00 PM, a much more fitting time for the film anyway. If there are experienced "Rocky Horror" devotees among us who would be willing to lead the audience in the traditionally interactive viewing of the film, please speak with Maggie or Will in the days ahead. In the meantime, we offer the following shopping list as a public service: rice, newspaper, toast, lighter, water gun, toilet paper.

Cyclist Sought

Sara Peapples and Anna Silva seek a cyclist to top off their Triathlon team for the upcoming race. Drop them a note if you can help out. Others seeking to form or complete three-person teams should check with Ed at the Front Desk for more information and advice. The race takes place at 9:30 AM on Saturday; participants are asked to gather for the starting gun on the Front Porch of the Inn.

Sitter Sought

Sara Blair and Jonathan Freedman seek a sitter for their little boy Ben on Friday night so that the two of them can attend the theater together. Transportation can be provided, along with access to food, toys, games, and a VCR. See them ASAP if you can be of service.

Servers Sought

Each year, the waitstaff seeks substitutes for student servers who, for various reasons, cannot be present for the pre-Commencement dinner banquet on Saturday, August 7. Anyone willing to help out should be in touch with HeadWaiters Kathleen Judge or Trey Martin, or speak directly with waiters in search of subs. Two waiters, Meredith Drum and Ivanka Dimova, currently seek replacements. Compensation for the meal is set at \$10.

Space Invaders

Study space seems to be at a premium these days in the library, and stressed-out students have noted with dismay that their peers and colleagues are laying claim to tables and desks and leaving their materials there on a permanent basis. If you know you will be away from a study area for more than a few minutes, kindly take your books, papers, and laptops away with you so that others may make use of the space.

Parking Practicum, Part II

In response to a seemingly lax attitude toward campus parking, the following reminders are offered: Parking is prohibited along campus roadways, as well as along most stretches of Route 125. There is NO parking directly in front of the Inn, as that space is needed for the Bread Loaf Van and handicapped access. The lawn in front of Treman has also recently become an unsightly mass of motor vehicles which diminishes the quaint charm of the cottage; car owners not residing in either Treman or Bridgman are asked to remove their vehicles to the Barn lot so that the Assistants may have access to the building and the caretaker's crew can successfully mow and maintain the grassy grounds.

Marginalia Appears Easy

C.C. Davies claims that once you've correctly identified one of those marginal tidbits offered as the Quote-of-the-Day™ contest, the rest just get easier and easier. C.C. was one of five Bread Loafers who sat down to sup on poetry with Mark Strand yesterday; others in the Winners' Circle included Charles Newman, Michael Irani, and reliable respondents Lisa Busby and Janet Atkins. Kudos also to Isobel Armstrong's Romantic Poetry class for correctly guessing Percy Shelley a few days ago; their response to the *Crumb* apparently went astray and was missed in the winners' tally. Guesses at today's speaker are due in the *Crumb* mailbox by breakfast tomorrow.



The Crumb

Bread Loaf School of English
Vermont Campus
"A Rural Play-Station"

Volume 80, Number 22

Thursday, July 22, 1999

Today's Tidbits

"Of writing many books there is no end;
And I, who have written much in prose and verse,
For others uses, will write now for mine
Will write my story for my better self."
— ?

Today's Events:

Madrigals Rehearsal:
4:45 PM, Barn
Play: "Henry IV, Part 1": 7:30 PM, Theater

Dinner Menu

Teriyaki flank steak with caramelized onions and mushrooms or roasted barley vegetable stew; roasted red potatoes, corn with red pimentos, and key lime pie for dessert.

Weather Watch



Today

Partly sunny and balmy with a slight chance of a shower; highs in the low 80s.

Tomorrow

Partly sunny, highs in the mid 80s.

Weekend

Chance of showers and thunderstorms; highs in the 80s.

Hwang Presents Perspectives on Playwriting

Though his middle name might imply otherwise, visiting playwright David Henry Hwang joins us on campus this week for reasons other than the ongoing "Henriad." David will be on hand for an open discussion of his work this afternoon at 5:00 in Barn 1. Author of the critically acclaimed plays *M. Butterfly* and *Golden Child* (which graced Bread Loaf's theater in the form of a staged reading several years ago), David is currently working on a play concerning the life of the French painter Paul Gauguin. All are encouraged to attend the presentation this afternoon.

Henry Ascends to Theatrical Throne

The saga of Shakespeare's "Henriad" continues this evening as Bread Loaf's Acting Ensemble and community players present *Henry IV, Part 1*. The play, directed by Amanda Dehnert, picks up where *Richard II* left off and follows Henry's tenure as King of England. The staged reading will be repeated tomorrow evening, then once again next Friday night when the entire "Henriad" is performed in succession. All shows begin at 7:30 PM and take place in and around the Burgess Meredith Little Theater.

Guest Speakers Focus on Africa

Visiting educators Brenda Cooper and Martin Hall will speak on "Re-connecting with Africa and the World: Two Points of View from the University of Cape Town (UCT)" tomorrow afternoon at 5:00 PM in Barn 1. Brenda Cooper teaches African Literature at UCT and has also prepared materials for teaching in schools. She will discuss both the challenges and obstacles in bringing African writing into the syllabi both at University level and in the schools. Martin Hall is an archaeologist and also Dean of the new Centre for Higher Education Development at UCT. He'll talk about an experimental web site that presents materials on ways in which images of Africa are constructed. All are welcome to attend this unique presentation.

Acquainted with the Cabin

Assistant to the Director Maggie Favretti will offer tours of the Frost Cabin this Saturday afternoon. Maggie's research has yielded all manner of interesting Frostiana which she is eager to share. She'll be at the Cabin for tours beginning at 4:00, 4:30, and 5:00. You come, too.

Supernatural Spirit Sighted

"It added yet another layer of surrealness to my summer experience," said one witness. "I didn't know whether to be delighted or frightened," confessed a first-year student. "It took too much attention away from the cashews," complained an anonymous nut-server.

These were just a few responses to yesterday's mysterious appearance of the Diaphanous Spirit during the Director's reception at Treman. The spritely figure danced and gamboled across the field, veil aflutter in the warm afternoon breeze, lace-draped arms outstretched in celebration of the summer. Who or what he or she is no one seems to know, but the spirit's presence on campus bodes well for us all, particularly as we approach the weekend of Suppressed Desires. Our heartfelt thanks to him or her for gracing our mountain campus (and for offering us a "wildlife" sighting to match those submitted to our Alaskan sister site's *Sourdough* newsletter).

Ticket-Takers: Pick Up Quick

Bread Loafers planning to attend weekend performances of the "Henriad" are warned that the Box Office will be closed on Saturday, Sunday, and Monday. Tickets for all performances of the "Henriad" will be available today and tomorrow from 1:30-2:30 PM only (note that the later afternoon hours will no longer be in effect). Tickets are required for admission, though empty seats will be made available to non-ticket-holders at the Theater door several minutes before each show. The list of remaining performances is as follows:

Tonight, 7/22	<i>Henry IV, Part 1</i>
Fri, 7/23	<i>Henry IV, Part 1</i>
Sat, 7/24	<i>Henry IV, Part 2</i>
Sun, 7/25	<i>Henry IV, Part 2</i>
Tues, 7/27	<i>Henry V</i>
Wed, 7/28	<i>Henry V</i>
Thur, 7/29	<i>Richard II</i>
Fri, 7/30	<i>Henry IV, Part 1</i>
Sat, 7/31	<i>Henry IV, Part 2</i>
Sun, 8/1	<i>Henry V</i>

Crumbs on the Summit

Crumb Editor Hugh Coyle and visiting alumnus George Lightcap will resurrect the Bread Loaf Outing Club and lead a hike up nearby Mount Abraham this Saturday, weather permitting. The 4-5 mile round trip will follow Vermont's Long Trail from Lincoln gap to the summit, from which vistas in all directions will yield a look at Lake Champlain and (if it's really clear) the

distant White Mountains of New Hampshire. The hike includes a few stretches of rock scrambling and some steep ascents but should otherwise pose no problems for those in good shape. Plan to pack along some warm clothing (it can be uncomfortably cool and windy at the top, even on a sunny summer day), a lunch for the summit, and a bottle of water. We hope to be back on campus in time for the Frost Cabin tours and dinner. Sign up at the Front Desk for the trip, and be in touch with Hugh or George if you have any questions or concerns.

Waiters Wallow in Diners' Desires

The Bread Loaf Waitstaff will host this Saturday night's Suppressed Desires dance, and as such you can expect a deliciously sensuous experience, something to super-saturate your pleasure center and convert your constant cravings into costumed spasms of dancing ecstasy. Or something like that. The dance will commence around 10:30, with final costume judging around midnight. Three DJ's—count'em, three—will be on hand to triple your terpsichorean pleasure: Abra Chernik, Hugh Coyle, and Doug Grigsby. Don't miss this traditional summer spectacle, coming soon to a Barn near you.

Fab Four To Do the Blue

This Sunday night's Blue Parlor Reading features four fantastic female writers: Meredith Drum, Abra Chernik, Shannon McCreery, and Nicole Johnson. They'll demonstrate their power with the pen beginning at 7:30 PM in the Inn; light after-dinner refreshments will be provided.

Time for the Time Warp

"It's just a jump to the left..."

Bored with the box step? Maddened by the Macarena? Tired of the tush push? Then perhaps the Time Warp is the remedy, and there's no better time to learn it than in the middle of Friday's feature film, "The Rocky Horror Picture Show." If nothing else, it's a great opportunity to practice your pelvic thrust for Saturday's Suppressed Desires dance. Starring Tim Curry, Susan Sarandon, and a delectable cameo by Meat Loaf, this cult film encourages all kinds of audience participation and promises to provide a spectacle both on and off the screen. The screwed up musical sci-fi feature starts at 11:00 PM in the Barn.

Jim Jets Off to Oxford

Director Jim Maddox will depart for a week-long stay at our sister site in Oxford, England, beginning this Saturday. In the interim, Robert Stepto will once again step in to serve as on-site Director. Appointments to speak with either of them can be scheduled via the Bread Loaf office.

Wimpole Wife Writes on Writing

Congratulations to Janet Atkins, Tim Donahue, and visiting alumna Jeanne LeBlanc for correctly identifying Marge Piercy as the author of yesterday's Quote-of-the-Day™. Answers to today's puzzler are due in the *Crumb* mailbox by breakfast tomorrow; your clue (a tough one for some) is in the headline above.



The Crumb

Bread Loaf School of English
Vermont Campus
"Dressed for Suppressed"

Volume 80, Number 23

Friday, July 23, 1999

Today's Tidbits

"My Shakespeare, rise. I will not lodge thee by Chaucer or Spenser, or bid Beaumont lie A little further, to make thee a room; Thou art a monument, without a tomb, And art alive still, while thy book doth live, And we have wits to read, and praise to give."
— ?

Today's Events:

Teaching About Africa: 5:00 PM, Barn 1
Ultimate Frisbee: 7:00 PM, Field
Play: "Henry IV, Part 1": 7:30 PM, Theater
"Rocky Horror Picture Show": 11:00 PM, Barn

Dinner Menu

Grilled mako shark with Caribbean salsa or white bean and artichoke gratin; three mushroom risotto, mixed vegetables, and sour cream chocolate cake for dessert.

Weather Watch

Today

Partly sunny with a chance of a shower; highs in the low 80s.

Weekend

Partly sunny and warm with a chance of showers and thunderstorms developing.

Playgoers Partake of Parts 1 and 2

The "Henriad" continues this evening with the second staged reading of *Henry IV, Part 1*, directed by Amanda Dehnert. Theater-goers were thrilled with last night's high-energy performance. The staged reading will be repeated again next Friday when the entire "Henriad" is performed on consecutive evenings. Beginning tomorrow, *Henry IV, Part 2* will take to the stage for a two-night run, then be repeated next Saturday, July 31. Directed by Alan MacVey, *Part 2* picks up where *Part 1* left off (obviously) and sets the scene for *Henry V*, which will open next Tuesday. All shows begin at 7:30 pm at the Burgess Meredith Little Theater. Don't forget your cushions and warm clothing in the event that the action moves outside.

Educators Offer African Strategies

Bread Loaf extends a warm welcome to Brenda Cooper and Martin Hall, who are visiting our mountain campus from the University of Cape Town (UCT) in South Africa. The two educators will speak at 5:00 this afternoon on "Re-connecting with Africa and the World: Two Points of View" in Barn 1. The talk will address strategies and challenges associated with the teaching of African writing and culture. Brenda Cooper teaches African Literature at UCT; Martin Hall is an archaeologist and also Dean of the new Centre for Higher Education Development at UCT. All are encouraged to take part in this fascinating discussion.

Suppression Dispelled; Desires Displayed

The Dining Hall Waitstaff invites one and all to the social spectacle of the summer: Saturday night's Suppressed Desires dance. This traditional costume party should dispel the last of your inhibitions as revelers unleash their innermost inklings and urges. A "triple threat" tag team of disc jockeys (Abra Chernik, Hugh Coyle, and Doug Grigsby) will keep the beat pounding, pumping, and pulsating until 2:00 AM. Prizes for most creative costumes will be announced shortly after midnight after being judged by Bread Loaf Theater Costume Designer Gail Buckley and her crew. Be ready to set your desires on display in the Barn beginning at 10:30 PM (after the play).

Box Office Takes a Break

The Bread Loaf Box Office will be open this afternoon from 1:30–2:30 PM for those wishing to pick up tickets for any of the remaining performances in the "Henriad." The box office will not open again until next Tuesday afternoon, so plan accordingly. If you would like to see a show but don't have tickets, check with the ushers for available spaces on the night of the play. Likewise, if you have tickets you won't be using, please return them to Box Office Manager Nan Leverett so that they may be redistributed. The list of remaining performances is as follows:

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Sat, 7/24 & Sun, 7/25	<i>Henry IV, Part 2</i>
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Thur, 7/29	<i>Richard II</i>
Fri, 7/30	<i>Henry IV, Part 1</i>
Sat, 7/31	<i>Henry IV, Part 2</i>
Sun, 8/1	<i>Henry V</i>

Favretti Focuses on Frost

Maggie Favretti will lead tours of the Robert Frost Cabin (to the west of campus off of Route 125; check at the Front Desk for directions) tomorrow afternoon at 4:00, 4:30, and 5:00. For the past several weeks, Maggie has been researching Frost's days here on the Mountain and has come up with some rather interesting stories and discoveries to share with our community. All are welcome to attend the tours; check with Maggie if you have any special transportation needs.

Mountain Men Brave Abraham

Mountain men Hugh Coyle and George Lightcap will lead a hike up to the summit of Mount Abraham tomorrow for a lunchtime picnic, weather permitting. The moderate 5-6 mile hike includes some minor rock climbing and steep ascents. Bring along warm clothing and a bottle of water; lunches and snacks will be provided for those on the meal plan. The group hopes to return to campus in time for the Frost Cabin tours. Sign up at the Front Desk to reserve a space and a lunch for the outing. Check with Hugh or George if you have any questions or concerns.

Directorial Dynamic Duo

Director Jim Maddox will be leaving tomorrow for a week-long trip to our Lincoln College campus in Oxford, England. Robert Stepto will serve in his stead as Interim Director. Those seeking appointments with either one of them should stop by the Bread Loaf office to arrange a time.

Blue Belles

Shannon McCreery, Nicole Johnson, Meredith Drum, and Abra Chernik will read from their fiction and poetry this Sunday night as part of the Blue Parlor Reading Series. The presentation begins at 7:30 PM, with after-dinner refreshments on hand for one and all.

Video Addresses Diversity

The award-winning documentary "It's Elementary" will be shown next Monday afternoon at 4:45 in Barn 5. The feature investigates the introduction of gay and lesbian issues into the elementary school classroom and as such offers strategies for all teachers interested in expanding the multicultural curriculum. All are welcome to attend. (The showing will begin promptly at 4:45 in order to be finished before dinner; please don't hesitate to come in late if you're attending after an afternoon class.)

Transylvanian Transvestitism

No, it's not a Suppressed Desires costume idea (at least not yet)—it's this Friday night's film feature, "The Rocky Horror Picture Show." The cult classic will be presented in the Barn tonight at 11:00 PM (following the play). Those familiar with the interactive shenanigans are encouraged to act as ringleaders so that others might get involved. Starring Tim Curry as Dr. Frank-n-Furter and Susan Sarandon as Janet, the musical walks that fine line between inanity and insanity—which perhaps explains its position as the king of all cult films. All are welcome.

Triathletes Compete

The Bread Loaf "Welcome Back Brent Goeres" Triathlon Cubed will take place tomorrow morning beginning at 9:30 AM. The swimming, running, and cycling event will cover a course criss-crossing the campus; individuals and teams will compete for top honors. For more information, check with Ed Brown at the Front Desk.

Parkers Imperiled, not Privileged

The Front Desk offers this stern warning to those who feel that they are somehow more privileged than the rest of us and don't need to park their cars in the Barn lot: license plate numbers are being taken down and Caretaker Leo Hotte is making preparations to have repeated violators towed at their own expense. Once again: there is no parking along Route 125 or campus roadways. The pastoral pleasures of our grassy campus can also be better preserved if people refrain from turning lawns into parking lots.

Leo also asks that residents of dorms leave porch lights on at all times owing to campus safety standards and requirements.

A Chip Off the Ol' Nature Notes

Former *Crumb* Columnist and "Nature Notes Lady" Jeannie LeBlanc has submitted this special entry while she visits our campus and notices along with the rest of us the abundance of squirrels and chipmunks:

Predator/prey relationships are based on population dynamics. Consider, for example, the ubiquitous chipmunk. Here in the Northeast, an abundance of food last autumn (acorns, beechnuts, and other nuts and seeds) followed by a relatively mild winter and spring (thanks to the meteorological phenomenon La Niña) allowed these prolific creatures to procreate extra-profusely. A similar population explosion of rabbits and squirrels may also be noted. These small furry critters, however, are food for snakes, coyotes, hawks, and other predators; a population explosion of these animals will result from this summer's chipmunk jamboree. When the prey population crashes, so will the number of predators. Then this cycle will begin again.

Chipmunks are rodents, related to squirrels, beavers (the largest North American rodent), and, yes, rats. Listen for chipmunks' "cheeps" and squeals as they proclaim their territory or warn one another of danger.

Bread Loaf Scholars Pond-er Author

Janet Atkins proves herself a worthy adversary yet again in the Quote-of-the-Day™ competition by correctly identifying Elizabeth Barrett Browning as the author of yesterday's excerpt from "Aurora Leigh." Visiting Nature Notes Lady Jeannie LeBlanc also recognized the Wimpole Street resident (and wife of Robert Browning) to be the writer. Guesses at the identity of today's speaker are due in the *Crumb* mailbox by breakfast on Monday.



Micah Wolf would like to find someone willing to teach him tennis and, as such, has submitted this advertisement to the *Crumb*.



The Crumb

Bread Loaf School of English
Vermont Campus
"The Mountain of Youth"

Volume 80, Number 24

Monday, July 26, 1999

Today's Tidbits

"The only advice, indeed, that one person can give another about reading is to take no advice... After all what laws can be laid down about books?"

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Today's Events:

"It's Elementary"

video: 4:45 PM, Barn 4

Madrigal Rehearsal:

4:45 PM, Barn

Virtual Theater Pre-

sensation: 5:00 PM, Li-

brary Conference

Room

Poetry Class Reading:

7:30 PM, Barn 1

Dinner Menu

Roast leg of lamb or Spanikopita; steamed red potatoes; okra, corn, and peppers; and mocha harlequin cake for dessert.

Weather Watch



Today

Partly sunny with a chance of a shower; highs in the low 80s.

Mid-Week

Somewhat sunny with a chance of afternoon showers or thunderstorms; high temperatures in the low 80s.

Paul's Poetry Pack Presents Work

As geese to a gaggle and lions to pride
The poets in Paul Muldoon's class do provide us a puzzle to ponder: what to call groups of writers that gather to read? Are they troops of trope-twisters, swarms of vassals to words? Are they bunches or clusters, called hordes or herds? Do they fly in flocks or, like whales, swim in pods? Perhaps they're a pantheon, and as such, like gods. Whatever we call them, they'll gather to read In Barn classroom 1, past our evening feed. So at 7:30, this evening, hence—come one and come all, and be called "audience."

Winners and Finishers

Congratulations to Andrew Salverda, who finished first in Saturday's Triathlon Cubed with an individual course record time of 1 hour, 29 minutes, and 12 seconds. Chris Onken came in second at 1:38:26 with Darcy Ahl just behind for the women's first place trophy at 1:44:10. First place overall in the event went to the team effort of Tim Donahue, Sarah Peapples, and Ana Silva with a time of 1:21:30. Innkeeper Ed Brown notes that he set a new "master class" course record with his time of 1:46:12.

A number of BreadLoafers also ran in this weekend's grueling Goshen Gallop. Martha Perkins distinguished herself as the second-place woman's winner. Other high placers included John McDermott (7), Chris Onken (30), Amie Wilmer (31) and Rob Herman (39). Ed Brown (54) notes that "no one passed me after 4 kilometers, and I ran with the heart of a catamount."

Virtual Visionary

Christian Billing, who is visiting Bread Loaf from the University of Warwick and collaborating with Susanne Wofford in her Shakespeare class, will give an informal demonstration of computer-generated 3-D virtual reality models of ancient and early modern theatrical spaces this afternoon from 5:00–5:30 pm. The models and animations have been developed by Theatron Ltd. (in association with the School of Theatre Studies at the University of Warwick). The session will highlight some of the research and teaching implications which arise from such new technology. The gathering will take place in the conference room on the second floor of the library, where the computer models can be projected. Interested folks are welcome to stop by for all or part of the presentation.

Documentary Deals with Diversity

"It's Elementary," an award-winning documentary exploring the growing awareness of gay and lesbian issues in American classrooms, will be shown this afternoon at 4:45 in Barn 4. The video depicts several schools around the country which have incorporated gay and lesbian issues into their diversity curricula and investigates the resistance and misinformation which often accompanies such programs. All are welcome to attend. (The video will start promptly at 4:45 in order to be done by dinner; please don't hesitate to come into the room late if your afternoon class lets out closer to 5:00.)

Plays Staid a Day

"The Henriad" takes a break today, with no staged readings scheduled for this evening. The Box Office will also be closed today, but will reopen tomorrow afternoon between 1:30 and 2:30 for ticket distribution. For those looking to plan ahead for the upcoming week, here is the schedule or remaining performances:

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Wed, 7/28	Henry V
Thur, 7/29	Richard II
Fri, 7/30	Henry IV, Part 1
Sat, 7/31	Henry IV, Part 2
Sun, 8/1	Henry V

"Process" Workshop Postponed

The "Process Drama" workshop originally scheduled for this evening will be postponed due to Carol MacVey's illness. Watch the *Crumb* for further details and an announcement about rescheduling.

Post-Suppression Recognition

Many thanks to the Waitstaff and to members of the theater crew (Mike McGarty, Troy "Austin" McVey, and Rodney Young in particular) for their spectacular transformation of the Bread Loaf Barn for the Suppressed Desires dance on Saturday night. From Bleak House to Hazard Man, the Muses to the Spice Girls, Tarzan and Street-Walker Barbie to Austin Powers and Dr. Evil (a.k.a. Costume Judge Gail Buckley), the evening won't soon be forgotten—especially not after Ed Brown treats us to the pictures he took in next week's slide show. Those NOT wishing to have their pictures appear should see Ed soon about the costs involved in that prospect.



Certification Assembly

Eva Howard will offer a presentation on "The National Board for Professional Teaching Standards: What Is It and Why Should It Interest You?" on Thursday at 5:00 PM in Barn 1. Eva will discuss certification specifics and also address funding sources and state incentives for National Board Certified Teachers. All are welcome to attend.

Dog-Watcher Wanted

A note to all dog lovers from Bill Rich and Emily Rinkema: "We have a perfect dog whose sitters must leave town without her. She needs a temporary home from Sunday, August 1, through graduation (or even just through August 4). We can take her out during the day so she'll be exhausted and not miss us at night. She is a flealess, non-barking, kid-loving, frisbee-playing, odorless, water-loving, perfect black lab/whippet mix named Maggie. If you live near campus, love animals, want to have us indebted to you forever, and wouldn't mind a buddy, please leave a message with us (Birch 11)."

Common Reader Claims Contest Her Own

Janet Atkins breaks away from the pack and threatens to cinch her victory as she continues to correctly identify the Quote-of-the-Day™ author on a regular basis. Along with Dean Blase, Chris Benson, and Bread Loaf Nurse Sandy Brutkoski, Janet guessed Ben Jonson to be the speaker of last Friday's quote. Answers for today's are due in the *Crumb* mailbox by breakfast tomorrow.



The Decamerumb

Bread Loaf School of English
Vermont Campus
"Intensity Times Ten"

Volume 80, Number 25

Tuesday, July 27, 1999

Today's Tidbits

"I do not know which to prefer,
The beauty of inflections
Or the beauty of innuendoes,
The blackbird whistling
Or just after."

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Today's Events:

Chapbook Presentation: 5:00 PM, Barn 1
"Henry V": 7:30 PM, Theater

Dinner Menu

Mannicotti, broccoli, red cabbage, and Kahlua mud pie.

Weather Watch



Top Ten Likely Weather Predictions for the Week

1. Partly sunny.
2. Partly cloudy.
3. Highs in the 80s.
4. Chance of a shower or thunderstorm.
5. Humid.
6. Clear, cooler nights.
7. Visible full moon.
8. Sunburn alert.
9. Drought continues.
10. Slight—very slight—chance of watching woods fill up with snow.

Top Ten Reasons to Attend Sam Swope's Chapbook Presentation Tonight

10. Chance to add to your "Former *Crumb* Editor" autograph collection.
9. Quality of evening light on bare walls in Barn 1 conducive to creative thinking.
8. Volleyball game usually peters out by 7:30 PM anyway.
7. Looking for quick and easy way to add "Editor" to your resume.
6. Use of technology and Internet justifies further grant spending on computer doodads.
5. Happy students less likely to hide chalk and erasers on a daily basis.
4. You've read the *Middlebury* magazine article; now meet the man behind it.
3. Gives your students a longer list of publications than most "working" writers.
2. "If Ivana Trump can publish a book, so can my students."
1. Cheap chapbooks of student writing make excellent holiday gifts.

Top Ten Incentives to See the "Henriad"

10. You've read the plays; you've seen the movies; now see the staged readings.
9. Find out the real reason they named the candy bar "Oh Henry!"
8. Be honest: when will you ever see these four plays performed together again?
7. Offers the chronologically and directionally challenged one more chance to actually find the Box Office between 1:30 and 2:30 PM in southwest corner of theater.
6. Commemorative "Henriad" collector plates offered only on opening nights.
5. It's not paper-writing procrastination, it's "enhancing the overall context of your summer learning experience."
4. Rare opportunity to have both indoor and outdoor apparel considered "theater-going outfits."
3. Great costumes inspire ideas for next year's Suppressed Desires party.
2. Outdoor battle scenes in *Henry V* more rousing than ten cups of coffee.
1. Two words: Acting Ensemble.

Top Ten Reasons to Run in the Fun Run This Weekend

10. Set new participation record of more than 75 runners and more than \$600 raised for Charlie Orr Memorial scholarship.
9. You know that at least you'll have a better time than the saunterers and dog-walkers.
8. Bad TV reception on Mountain means no Saturday morning cartoons anyway.
7. High stress levels linked to increased athletic performance, guaranteeing good results.
6. Allows you to wear the Commemorative T-shirt with no guilty feelings.
5. Last chance to pose for the camera before Ed's Annual Slide Show.
4. One word from the dining hall menus: cheese.
3. Chance to see a moose on the Frost Interpretive Trail greatest just after 9:30 AM.
2. Prizes rumored to include week-long stay in Juneau with Jim Maddox in Summer 2000.
1. Bracing post-run plunge in Johnson more rousing than ten cups of coffee.

Top Ten Perks for Helping Polia and Maya Get Back to Bulgaria

10. Chance to check on construction at Boston's Logan Airport on Saturday, August 8th.
9. Because they really *really* need a ride since bus schedule won't allow them to make their flight.
8. Chance to end summer on a "good karma" note.
7. Good excuse to miss emotionally wrenching "Heart-break Breakfast" on last day of session.
6. Chance to make two great new friends before going home for summer.
5. Flight time of 8:00 PM allows for leisurely sight-seeing ride down I-89.
4. Rare opportunity to learn Bulgarian curse words for use in school staff meetings.
3. "Thank you" note from Bulgaria provides perfect additions to foreign stamp collection.
2. Stories of Bulgarian school year more rousing than ten cups of coffee.
1. Provides great contacts for next time you're in Bulgaria.

Top Ten Punishment Ideas for Library "Space Hogs"

10. All books left on vacated tables and desks get reshelfed (this one's true, folks).
9. Name added to list of "Academic Ignominy" posted outside dining hall.
8. Abandoned water bottles used to buoy sinking Johnson Pond raft.
7. Croutons kids allowed to practice finger-painting on left-behind papers.
6. Space abusers subjected to the Brent Goeres "Glare of Doom."
5. Students force-fed ten cups of coffee in cruel *Crumb*-sponsored experiments.
4. Jim Maddox makes new "permanent" study space assignment in decrepit Tea Cabin.
3. Left-behind laptops infected with "Whispering Pine" virus.
2. "Henriad" Director Oskar Eustis recruits offenders to act as the French and add "touch of realism" to battle scenes in *Henry V*.
1. Loss of "candy dish" privileges for remainder of Bread Loaf career.

Top Ten Ways to Look at Quotes-of-the-Day™

10. Of course alumni like Janet Atkins get the quote every day; she's not struggling to write a paper on parapsychological interpretations of post-postmodernist playwrights.
9. Some first-year students still looking for an actual *Crumb* mailbox.
8. Lack of Quote-of-the-Day™ contest in *Paniculum*, *Miga*, and *Sourdough* leaves some students unprepared for the full Vermont campus experience.
7. Responses to contest only a *partial* factor in determining final grades for classes.
6. Increase in eggplant and fennel consumption found not to be linked to greater quote recognition.
5. Some staff members, like Apple Cellar Director Caroline Eisner, really know *all* of the quotes; they only answer once or twice a summer so as not to upstage the students.
4. They really are easier to guess once you've had ten cups of coffee.
3. Guessing at something so obvious as Virginia Woolf yesterday is actually an insult to one's intelligence.
2. You should only start to worry if you *do* understand how the *Crumb* guy's mind works when it comes to clues.
1. One word: *Bartlett's*.



The Crumb

Bread Loaf School of English
Vermont Campus
"As Seen on T's"

Volume 80, Number 26

Wednesday, July 28, 1999

Today's Tidbits

"Histories make men wise; poets, witty; the mathematicians, subtle; natural philosophy, deep; moral, grave; logic and rhetoric, able to contend."

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Today's Events:

Madrigal Rehearsal:

4:45 PM, Barn

Ultimate Frisbee: 7:00

PM, Field

Henry V: 7:30 PM, Theater

Dinner Menu

Roast beef with gravy or scalloped eggplant and tomatoes; mashed potatoes; rutabaga, carrots, and turnips; brown oatmeal soda bread; and cookies 'n' cream ice cream for dessert.

Weather Watch

Indefinitely

Pretty darn nice: mostly sunny, highs in the 80s, chance of a scattered shower in the afternoon hours.

History Set to Repeat

"The Henriad" concludes its first complete run-through with a staged reading of *Henry V* this evening at 7:30 in the Burgess Meredith Little Theater. Directed by Oskar Eustis, the final play in the historical "Henriad" considers the reign of Henry V, heretofore known to show-goers as Prince Hal of Wales. Be forewarned that once again, a number of scenes will take place outdoors and as such may necessitate additional protection from the elements (cool air, a passing rain shower, or just the bugs). Beginning tomorrow evening, the entire cycle of plays will repeat, beginning with *Richard II* on Thursday and concluding once again with *Henry V* on Sunday. Tickets for all performances can be picked up in the Box Office from 1:30-2:30 each weekday afternoon. Demand is expected to be heavy for these final performances, so don't delay—get tickets today.

For this final consecutive schedule, the Bread Loaf Madrigalists are pleased to present a short concert on the West Lawn just outside the Theater beginning at 7:00. You need not be attending the evening reading in order to attend the Madrigalist recital.

In order to better plan out your late-week study schedule, here is a list of remaining performances:

Tonight, 7/28	<i>Henry V</i>
Thur, 7/29	<i>Richard II</i>
Fri, 7/30	<i>Henry IV, Part 1</i>
Sat, 7/31	<i>Henry IV, Part 2</i>
Sun, 8/1	<i>Henry V</i>

Discussion Centers on Certification

Eva Howard will talk about "The National Board for Professional Teaching Standards: What Is It and Why Should It Interest You?" tomorrow afternoon at 5:00 in Barn 2 (note change of location). Herself an NBCT in Early Adolescence/English Language Arts, Eva will cover certification requirements and review financial resources for the certification process. All are welcome to participate in the discussion.

Past Faculty Back on Campus

Bread Loaf welcomes back Shirley Brice Heath and Andrea Lunsford, who often join the faculty here on the Mountain. Andrea and Shirley will be visiting the campus in the days ahead and meeting with students in various classes. Shirley has also agreed to discuss her current project, a video documentary which looks at students involved in the arts outside of their classrooms. The presentation will take place tomorrow afternoon at 5:00 in Barn 1. All are welcome to attend.

Linking Students with Community

Educator Jim Randels will offer a presentation on "Students at the Center: Writing and Publishing with and for the Community" tomorrow evening at 6:45 in Barn 1. Jim will be visiting our campus from New Orleans as part of the Bread Loaf Teacher Network program; all are welcome to come and hear about his current project.

Pick-Up Pix

Ed "f-stop" Brown announces that the school pictures are in; those who have ordered copies can pick them up at the Front Desk. There are also a few extra copies available for those interested; the cost for the 5x7 glossies is \$15. Ed will be presenting a full slide show of summer snapshots next week for the entire community; stay tuned to the *Crumb* for further details.

Dealing with Departures

It may seem sadly premature, but the Front Desk needs to know now when students will be vacating their rooms for the end of the session. This allows the Innkeepers to assign rooms for family members and guests of this summer's graduating seniors, many of whom will be arriving hot on the heels of departing Bread Loafers. Please take a moment to fill out the slip below and return it to the Front Desk ASAP; you can also drop them a note with the details of your departure on a blank piece of paper if you don't care to desecrate your humble *Crumb*.

DEPARTURE SLIP

Name: _____

Room: _____

Leaving Campus on: _____

Weekend Calendar

With the continuation of the "Henriad" and the demands of academic papers and presentations looming large, the coming weekend will be relatively quiet here on campus. Even so, a few choice opportunities for study breaks have been scheduled.

On Friday night at 10:30 (or shortly after *Henry IV, Part 1* lets out) Mike Myers comes to the Barn for a double dose of shagadelia in the movie "Austin Powers: International Man of Mystery." Rumor has it that a couple of special guests from Suppressed Desires may make an encore appearance at the showing; check future *Crumbs* for details.

On Saturday morning at 9:30 AM, the Charlie Orr Memorial Fun Run will take place, with the race beginning and ending at Johnson Pond. Whether you plan to run, jog, walk, wander, saunter, or just stand there and watch, all are invited down to the Pond for this traditional scholarship fund-raiser. Those taking part in the 5K course are advised to arrive slightly early in order to sign in and be eligible for prizes.

Saturday evening will see another relatively new Bread Loaf reading tradition continued; look for signs soon concerning the sensuous specifics of that.

Depending on the weather forecast, *Crumb* Editor and Bread Loaf Outing Club member Hugh Coyle will lead a hike up to the summit of Mount Abraham on Sunday for a picnic lunch. If rain is predicted, the hike might be changed to an afternoon walk up nearby Bread Loaf Mountain on Saturday or Sunday afternoon. Once again, check the *Crumb* for updates.

Finally, don't forget the weekly Blue Parlor Reading series on Sunday evening. This week's readers include Matthew Carolan, Mary Guerrero, and Anuradha Rao. A late cancellation has opened up a spot for someone on the waiting list; be in touch with Blue Parlor Emcee Jennifer Armstrong if you'd like to claim the vacancy.

T-Shirt Teaser

For weeks now we've all been awaiting the unveiling of the new Bread Loaf T-shirts, and we're now happy to report that the goods are here and available for public consumption in the Bookstore. Available in short-sleeve or tank top varieties, they make the perfect complement to your Charlie Orr shirt, your Triathlon shirt, and your Bread Loaf Teacher Network shirt. Check 'em out beginning today.

Breakfast Of Champions

Few were fooled by yesterday's Quote-of-the-Day™, an excerpt from Wallace Stevens's classic poem "Thirteen Ways of Looking at a Blackbird." Joining the jammin' Janet Atkins in the Winners' Circle are Aerie Treska, Meredith Drum, Lisa Busby, and Mike Irani. Today's is a bit tougher, but here's a further clue: it's from an essay, of course.



The Crumudgeon

Bread Loaf School of English
Vermont Campus
"Where People Wear Their BL-T's"

Volume 80, Number 27

Thursday, July 29, 1999

Today's Tidbits

"On those occasions when your serenity seems about to collapse, I recommend that you step out into your back yard and vigorously spit."

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Today's Events:

Certification presentation: 5:00 PM, Barn 2

Heath presentation: 5:00 PM, Barn 1

Richard II: 7:30 PM, Theater

DeLearium: 11:00 PM, Gilmore

Dinner Menu

Baked ham with maple glaze or White bean, escarole, and tomato sautee; scalloped potatoes, glazed carrots, and chocolate eclairs for dessert.

Weather Watch

Next 4 Days

Hot enough for you? Well it's gonna get hotter (near 90) and more humid, with a chance of scattered showers and storms.

A Note on the "Crumudgeon"

Rising temperatures, looming deadlines, overbooked schedules—the stress index on campus has some otherwise civil and sweet Bread Loafers set to snap. So, as a public service, the *Crumudgeon* offers you the "Crumudgeon," a cathartic dose of daily news delivered in a mixture of dismay, disgust, and distress. May it serve as a surrogate release valve for all with much to vent. If not, nuts to you.

artSmarts

Visiting professor Shirley Brice Heath can only show us segments of her soon-to-be-premiered video "artShow," but that will just have to do. The documentary looks at students who work after school in the arts community. Shirley will talk about the project and its development this afternoon at 5:00 in toasty Barn 1. Be there.

Staged Readings Start Over

Been there, done that. Even so, some of the slower Loafers still haven't seen the spectacular staged readings that make up the "Henriad," so the Theater Department is doing them all again. Starting this evening with *Richard II*, the Acting Ensemble and Directors Alan MacVey, Amanda Dehnert, and Oskar Eustis present four of Shakespeare's history plays in succession over the next four nights. Be forewarned that parts of the productions take place outdoors, and if it rains—well, tough luck. (The action will move indoors if the weather severely threatens the comfort and safety of play-goers.) Disappointment awaits you at the Box Office if you still haven't located that southwest corner of the theater, since some of the shows are now sold out. Even so, you can get your name on a waiting list in the event that there are vacant seats prior to showtime each night.

For those who have come to savor the sting of mosquitoes and black flies, the Bread Loaf Madrigalists will present a short concert on the West Lawn of the Theater beginning at 7:00 each night through Sunday. The letting of blood is a small price to pay to hear their sweet voices assembled in song.

Certification Demystified

Just what we need—more standards, requirements, and paperwork. Eva Howard hopes to sort through some of that mess for you when she presents "The National Board for Professional Teaching Standards: What Is It and Why Should It Interest You?" this afternoon at 5:00 in steamy Barn 2. Eva is certified in Early Adolescence/English Language Arts and can help untangle the mysteries of the system from her own first-hand experience. The whole thing probably costs a lot, too, so she'll offer some funding resources and suggestions. All are welcome to attend.

Get Thee Gleefully to Gilmore

If someone's apt to depart from the norm, it's those guys out at Gilmore. Bread Loaf's most marginal and masculine dorm will host an unprecedented theatrical spectacle this evening as their special Thursday night reading guest directs Billy Aronson's play *DeLearium*, an irreverent farce on the famous Shakespearean tragedy. That means feeling your way in the pitch black up that rocky road for the 11:00 PM show, and with the weather the way it is, the black flies and other biting bugs will be chomping at the bit for hot blood. And what a perfect idea for a sweaty summer night: a roaring hot bonfire. See you there.

"Students" on the Move

Anticipating typically dilatory travel schedules, educator Jim Randels has postponed his presentation on "Students at the Center: Writing and Publishing with and for the Community" until tomorrow afternoon at 2:00 in that sweltering sauna of a classroom, Barn 1. All are invited to come and hear this Bread Loaf Teacher Network presentation.

Impermissible Slip-ups

See that form at the bottom of this page, right below your very eyes? Fill it out. Then bring it to the Front Desk. Have we made ourselves clear?

DEPARTURE SLIP

Name: _____

Room: _____

Leaving Campus on: _____

Runners Crave Self-Inflicted Misery

What better way to spend a warm and humid day than to run a road race, especially one that starts early in the morning, just after you've filled up on hot coffee and home fries. That's why it's called a FUN run. Those masochists taking part in the Charlie Orr Fun Run this Saturday morning are reminded that it's all for a good cause, and that it really doesn't matter who wins the race—what matters is how many people show up and how much money is raised for the scholarship fund. Runners should rise even earlier that day and arrive at Johnson Pond slightly prior to the 9:30 start time so that participant numbers can be handed out; these will be needed later on to register for prizes after the race is run and everyone has crowded into the pond for relief from the heat. Anyone wishing to help out on the day of the race should check in with Ed at the Front Desk. Sez Ironman Ed: "Trust me on this: the Fun Run is the best cure for a hangover known to mankind."

Parcel Planning

Had enough? Already packing up all your stuff? Those planning to ship off parcels and packages via UPS are advised that outgoing boxes will be handled next Wednesday and Thursday mornings only from 9:00 until noon. If you anticipate problems, don't go postal—talk to Ed Brown ASAP.

Paperwork Plethora

Now that your writers' cramp and carpal tunnel syndrome are at their peak, it's time to think about filling out forms, forms, and more forms. The Bread Loaf office has lots of them for your paperwork pleasure, including reapplication forms for each of Bread Loaf's four campuses, transcript request forms for those needing official notice of their academic performance, and lists for prospective seniors and work study positions in summer 2000. Stop by the office for your fill of official form-filling-out.

Missing Dictionary

Beth Harris has "misplaced" her well-worn Webster's dictionary, so if anyone "finds" it or has "borrowed" it, please send it back to her. Many thanks.

Groovy Movie

Just when you had your heart set on seeing the long involved drama "Avalon" for Friday night's movie, they go and change it to something silly, stupid, goofy, and inane like "Austin Powers: International Man of Mystery." What's the literary or academic value in that? How does "working one's mojo" put one in the proper frame of mind to finish a paper on empathic responses to Romantic poetry? Do they honestly expect students to shirk their work for a shagadelic cinematic experience like that? And it starts so late—10:30, after the staged reading of *Henry IV, Part 1*. Like you were expecting to get work done after that anyway?

Desperately Seeking Substitutes

Too many members of the waitstaff are seniors. That means there aren't enough people to wait tables for the Commencement Banquet. Not enough people are signing up to be substitute waiters that night. That better change soon or else Jim may have to consider canceling Commencement altogether. See Victoria at the Front Desk if you can help out in the dining hall for the Banquet next Friday night. You even get paid.

Frost a Hot Topic

You'll have to drag yourself down into the hotter-than-Hades valley for this one, but it might be worth the sweat and tears: local author and Middlebury College professor Jay Parini, who recently published a new biography of Robert Frost, will lead a discussion of the poet's Pulitzer Prize-winning collection *New Hampshire* at 10:00 on Friday morning. The presentation is part of the Ilsley Library's celebration of its 75th Anniversary and, as such, will take place in that Middlebury town library's basement seminar room. Check at the Front Desk for directions if you'd like to join the throngs of overheated Frost aficionados flocking to the talk.

Sitters Sought for Faculty Offspring

Two requests for faculty child care have come to the attention of the *Crumb*:

1. Harriet Chessman and Bryan Wolf are desperately looking for a baby-sitter for their five-year-old son Gabriel this Friday evening from 7:00 until about 10:30, in their house (Dragon's Den) very near to campus. Please drop them a note, call them at 388-6248, or let them know in person if you can help.

2. Jacques Lezra and Susanne Wofford would like to hire someone to take care of their children for a few hours (dinner—say, 6:30 to 11-ish PM) on Monday night, August 2nd, and on Friday night, August 6th (other nights possible as well). Excellent wages, benefits, etc. If interested please contact ext. 2746, or nab one of them in the dining hall.

Bread Loafers Befuddled

That Janet Atkins thinks she's so smart! She showed no signs of sweat in guessing Francis Bacon to be the author of yesterday's Quote-of-the-Day™, and neither did Gary Montañó or Samantha Dunaway. "Too easy," complains the highbrow minority. "Too hard," whines the dumbfounded majority. Well, you won't have to look far to find the author of today's quote. Answers are due in the *Crumb* mailbox by breakfast tomorrow.



The Crumb

Bread Loaf School of English
Vermont Campus
"Ripton's Kwik-e-Smart"

Volume 80, Number 28

Friday, July 30, 1999

Today's Tidbits

"You can always learn something from crumbs."

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Today's Events:

BLTN presentation:
2:00 PM, Barn 1
Madrigal concert:
7:00 PM, West lawn
Henry IV, Part 1: 7:30 PM, Theater
"Austin Powers"
movie: 10:30 PM, Barn

Saturday's Events:

Charlie Orr Fun Run:
9:30 AM, Johnson Pond
Madrigal concert:
7:00 PM, West lawn
Henry IV, Part 2: 7:30 PM, Theater
"Midnight Blue"
Reading: 11:00 PM, Barn A
Party: Gilmore

Dinner Menu

Salmon. Fritata. Rice.
Veggies. Rolls. Frozen
yogurt pie.

Weather Watch



Today
Hot.

Tomorrow
Hotter.

Sunday
Not so hot.

Crumb Lite

Too much reading. Too many papers. Not enough sleep. To make life easier and give you more writing and studying time, the *Crumb* cuts to the chase today. Just the facts. No filler. A momentary moratorium on lexical prolixity.

Henriad

There's a staged reading of *Henry IV, Part 1* in the theater tonight at 7:30. There's a staged reading of *Henry IV, Part 2* in the theater tomorrow night at 7:30. There's a staged reading of *Henry V* in the theater Sunday night at 7:30. Get your tickets at the box office from 1:30-2:30 today. Show up by 7:25 to get a seat. After 7:25 empty seats go to folks on the waiting list.

Madrigals

The Madrigalists will be singing at 7:00 PM on the west lawn each night before the plays.

BLTN

Bread Loaf Teacher Network presents Jim Randels on "Students at the Center: Writing and Publishing with and for the Community" today at 2:00 in Barn 1. Mary Guerrero will also speak on photography and writing published by her first graders. All welcome.

Movie

"Austin Powers: International Man of Mystery" shows in the Barn tonight at 10:30.

Party

The men of Gilmore are having a party/dance tomorrow night up in their neck of the woods.

See Spot Run

The Charlie Orr Fun Run starts at 9:30 AM tomorrow at Johnson Pond.

Hike

Climb Mount Abraham Sunday. Sign up at the Front Desk. Leave from the Front Porch at 9:30 AM. Be back by dinner.

Blue Parlor

Five readers on Sunday at 7:30 PM: Anuradha Rao, Mary Guerrero, Matthew Carolan, Su Ready, and Andrew Salverda.

Photos

School photos are in. Pick them up at the Front Desk.

UPS

UPS shipments will be processed next Wednesday and Thursday between 9:00 and noon.

Forms

Forms for reapplication are outside the BL office. Forms for transcripts are outside the BL office.

Lists

Lists for students expecting to be seniors in Summer 2000 are outside the BL office. Lists to sign up for work study positions are outside the BL office.

More Forms

After you fill out your evaluation form, bring it back to the BL office.

Alaska

An informational meeting on the Alaska program takes place next Monday at 5:00 PM in Barn 1.

New Mexico

An informational meeting on the New Mexico program takes place next Monday at 6:45 PM in Barn 1.

England

An informational meeting on the Oxford program takes place next Tuesday at 5:00 PM in Barn 1.

Waiters

Substitutes are needed for the Senior Banquet next Saturday night. See Victoria at the Front Desk.

Frisbee

Play Ultimate Frisbee tonight at 7:00 on the fields.

Softball

Don't forget softball on Sunday afternoon at 2:00.

Croutons

Croutons will operate on Commencement day from 5:30 until 10:30 PM. Cost is \$20 per child. Call 388-2208 by August 3rd to register.

Fun

And just for fun, this look at the complete "Henriad" from Acting Ensemble Member Bob "Falstaff" Colonna, to be sung to the tune of "I'm Henery the Eighth, I Am:"

Three Fourth of a Henriad (or, Echoes from the Music Hall)

I'm Henery the Fourth, Part One;
Henery the Fourth, I jumped the gun.
I killed Richard so that I could be boss;
I reckoned he was no great loss.
But now it's war with Northumberland,
Plus I'm getting tsurris from my son.
I had lots more fun as Bolingbroke.
Henery the Fourth (but hey, we won!)
Henery the Fourth, Part One.

I'm Henery the Fourth, Part Two,
And I think I bit what I can't chew.
I feel lousy and I'm getting no sleep;
By tomorrow I'll be six feet deep.
I think the Prince is a regicide,
And his rotten little brother, too.
Im a washed-up King named Henery
Henery the Fourth (the time just flew!)
Henery the Fourth, Part Two.

I'm Henery the Fifth I am,
I'm a superstar, I am, hot damn!
I got popular defending the right
And by killing everyone in sight.
And if a friend gets embarrassing,
I cut him like a dramaturgic flaw;
Now I'm off to marry Katherine.
Henery the Fifth (I'm no bourgeois)
Henery le Cinq, C'est Moi!

Armstrong

Faculty member Michael Armstrong will speak on Sunday afternoon at 4:00 in Barn 1. "In the leap of imagination, he will show us what reading a child's story attentively (using all that we know about the narrative world of children) can look like." All welcome.

Fans

Whoever's been taking fans from classrooms and such, return them immediately. It's hot in there!

Sale

Nearly everything in the Book Store goes on sale next week—20% off!

Quote

Janet and Gary got it. It was David Huddle. Don't be a dunce; send today's guess to the *Crumb* mailbox by Monday.



The Crumb

Bread Loaf School of English
Vermont Campus
"The Little Theater that Could"

Volume 80, Number 29

Monday, August 2, 1999

Today's Tidbits

"It seems to me that if I were to stay on, today would be better than yesterday, and I realize it was to renew the life of that possibility that I came here. What I am leaving is something to look forward to."

--Wendell Berry
"An Entrance to the Woods"

Today's Events:

"Henriad" panel: 4:45

PM, Barn A

Alaska Meeting: 5:00

PM, Barn 1

New Mexico Meeting:

6:45 PM, Barn 1

Directing Scenes: 7:30

PM, Theater

Dinner Menu

The "White Meal:"
Fish (shark), rice, and
cauliflower. Veggie
option: Chef Frenchy's
Quinoa Sauté.

Weather Watch



Today

Partly sunny; highs in
the low 70s.

Tomorrow

Partly sunny with
highs around 70; slight
chance of a shower.

Wednesday

Partly cloudy, a tad
warmer; high near 80.

Panel Ponders the Plays

Though the fires on the West Lawn have died down and battle cries no longer echo (tetralogically or otherwise) across the tennis courts, the "Henriad" continues in the form of a post-production panel discussion this afternoon at 4:45 in Barn A. Come and hear the directors and actors talk about their summer experience with the four plays, with a chance to contribute your own thoughts and questions. All are welcome.

Satellite Site Enlightenment

Director Jim Maddox will host informal informational meetings in the days ahead for those interested in attending one of Bread Loaf's satellite programs next summer. This afternoon at 5:00 in Barn 1, Jim will discuss the program in Juneau, Alaska. This evening at 6:45 in the same room, Jim will talk about the program in New Mexico. Tomorrow afternoon at 5:00, also in Barn 1, Jim will speak on the England program at Lincoln College, Oxford. Bring your questions, comments, and concerns and receive true enlightenment on Bread Loaf's sister sites.

Directors Detected

Up-and-coming directors from this summer's Directing Workshop will be presenting their final scenes today and tomorrow in the Burgess Meredith Little Theater. The Bread Loaf public is invited to come and bear witness to the fruits of their labors. The schedule below is approximate; feel free to come and stay for as many scenes as you'd like, but please be considerate and come and go between scenes only.

Monday

7:30 *Red Riding Hood* Dir. by Carol Krajewski

7:50 *For Whom the Southern Bell Tolls*

Dir. by Alison Hackley

8:10 *Graceland*

Dir. by Gwen Turnbull

8:30 *True West*

Dir. by Kelly Flynn

Tuesday

7:30 *Blind Date* Dir. by Lea Banks

7:45 *Duet for Bear and Dog* Dir. by Robbie Harold

8:00 *Tables and Chairs* Dir. by Kelly Flanders

8:15 *A Navajo Ritual* Dir. by Kyril Calsoyas

Terminal Taxi

The final van run of the summer will go down to Middlebury on Wednesday afternoon. Please plan your late-week travels accordingly.

Fun Run Won

Congratulations to Andrew Salverda (with a time of 21:33) and Kim Steinberg (with a time of 23:02), first-place male and female winners in the 15th Annual Charlie Orr Fun Run held this past Saturday. More than forty runners, joggers, and walkers braved the near-record heat for the event, and in their own sweat and effort paid tribute to the memory of Charlie Orr who, in the words of his friend and former Bread Loafer John Whittier-Ferguson, "taught by example how to dedicate oneself fiercely to an achievement—let no one think that it was easy to match that loping stride of his for 10 miles or so—without losing a gracious, unstinting commitment to community." Many thanks to all who organized and participated in this year's event.

Working Wordsmiths Present

Three of Bread Loaf's staff members and resident writers will read from their work tomorrow night at 7:30 in Barn 1 (please note the change in date). Front Desk attendants John Mancuso and Peter Newton will join *Crumb* Editor Hugh Coyle for a sampler of fiction and poetry. All are welcome.

Alaskan Showcase

Norman Milks and Mary Litchard will offer a taste of culture (including a baleen demonstration) from the remote reaches of Alaska tomorrow afternoon at 5:00 in the Blue Parlor. All are welcome to take part in this unique opportunity.

Slide Show Shows Slices of Summer Life

Curious to see what you missed while you were ensconced at your desk in the Library? Or are you, like many of your fellow Bread Loafers, dreading the memory of the various postures, poses, and compromising positions preserved for posterity by Ed Brown's camera? Whatever the reason, come share those bittersweet reflections on a summer soon passing as Ed presents his annual slide show in the Barn. Three showings of this wildly popular Bread Loaf tradition have been scheduled: tomorrow evening at 9:30, Wednesday at 9:00, and Thursday at 8:00. Jim Maddox has yet to review the show for content, but auteur Ed Brown expects to get away with an "R" or possibly even a "PG-13" rating. Private showings of the "Director's Cut" can be arranged in person with Ed.

Maddox to Wax Eloquent at Banquet

Join Director Jim Maddox as he officially signals the end of the Bread Loaf 1999 summer session this Wednesday evening at the Closing Banquet. The event will take place in the Dining Hall at 6:00 PM; all are encouraged to attend.

Bookstore Boasts Bargains

By now, the initial pushing and shoving has died down and the picked-over shelves are looking bare, but the Bookstore sale continues on throughout the week with nearly all items discounted by 20%. This offer does not apply to senior graduation regalia; Heather reminds prospective graduates that gowns must be paid for at the time of pick-up.

Mapping the "Henriad"

For his Shakespeare class, Kurt Broderson has created an interactive, multimedia map of the "Henriad" that "links important places throughout the four plays with maps, commentary and the relevant scenes." He will be presenting his project tomorrow evening at 7:00 in the library conference room (on the 2nd floor). All are welcome to join the class for the unveiling.

Senior Reception

Seniors are reminded that there will be a reception in their honor this Wednesday afternoon at 5:00 on the front lawn of Earthworm Manor. Come mix and mingle with the Bread Loaf faculty and staff one last time as students.

Ship-Shape Shipments

Innkeeper and Parcelmaster Ed Brown warns that UPS shipments will be processed only on Wednesday and Thursday mornings between 9:00 and noon. All boxes should be properly taped up and ready to go. If you anticipate problems with that schedule, please speak with Ed as soon as possible to review your alternative strategies.

Pre-Departure Paperwork

The Bread Loaf office offers all sorts of lists and form for you to fill out as the summer winds to a close. Those seeking reapplication to any of Bread Loaf's four campuses may do so by completing the appropriate paperwork. Students needing transcripts of their summer work can request official copies (the first one is free); these will be sent off once the current summer's grades have been recorded. Those students intending to graduate next summer (no matter where) should sign up on the list posted outside the office, as should those seeking work study appointments (waiterships, computer assistants, etc.) in the year 2000. All students should try to return their summer 1999 evaluation forms before departing; these can be turned in to the office or the Front Desk.

Commencement Sitter Service

Bread Loaf's day care program, Croutons, will offer child-sitting services on Commencement evening from 5:30 until 10:30 PM. The cost is \$20 per child; discounts are available for multiple charges. Advance registration is required; call 388-2208 by tomorrow to sign up a child.

Delicious Syrup Sale

Librarian Chris Brady offers Bread Loafers a true taste of Vermont with his maple products, for sale this week in the library while Chris is on duty. His homemade sweet amber syrup makes an excellent memento or gift, and his prices can't be beat. In years past his delicious wares have sold out quickly, so don't delay—check out his display today.

Pennies from Heaven for Heather

Bookstore Manager Heather Best writes: "My 3rd and 4th grade class next year is trying to collect one million pennies as part of a unit on 'a million and other large numbers.' There are collection jars at the Front Desk and at the bookstore. Pennies can be deposited there, or, if you have a great many at home that you'd like to mail to the class, they can be sent to: Mrs. Best's 3rd and 4th Grade; Bridport Central School; 3442 VT RT 22A; Bridport VT 05734. The money collected will ultimately be used to improve the school playground."

Parisian Au Pair Posting

Faculty member Jonathan Freedman announces that his brother is seeking an au pair to care for his three children (ages 10, 8, and 5) in their Paris apartment as well as their villa on the Ivory Coast. A bilingual French/English speaker is preferred but not necessary. Check with him for more details and, if you're interested, to arrange a meeting with the children, as they're visiting campus this week.

Thus Quoth the Raver: Nevermore

Gail Buckley has effectively stumped the campus and all cyber-correspondents by submitting last Friday's Quote-of-the-Day™, a witty "crumb" of wisdom from John Kennedy O'Toole's *The Confederacy of Dunces*. With that, we close this summer's competition and announce that Jammin' Janet Atkins has indeed distinguished herself as the Queen of all Quotes, leaving the rest of us to server as her clever courtiers. Congratulations on a truly impressive display of literary identification!



The Crumb

Bread Loaf School of English
Vermont Campus
"Now Offering Pa-per View"

Volume 80, Number 30

Tuesday, August 3, 1999

Today's Tidbits

"God gave a Loaf to every bird—
But just a Crumb—to Me—"

--Emily Dickinson

Today's Events:

BLTN reception: 4:30 PM, Frothingham
Oxford Meeting: 5:00 PM, Barn 1
Alaskan Display: 6:45 PM, Blue Parlor
"Henriad" Project: 7:00 PM, Lib. Conf. Rm.
Staff Reading: 7:30 PM, Barn 1
Directing Scenes: 7:30 PM, Theater
Slide Show: 9:30 PM, am

Dinner Menu

Herbed breast of chicken or ratatouille; steamed red potatoes, broccoli and carrots, and apple crisp for dessert.

Weather Watch

Today

Partly sunny; highs in the low 70s.

Tomorrow

Mostly cloudy with highs around 70; chance of a shower in the afternoon.

Thursday

Warmer with showers and rain likely; highs in the mid 70s.

Students Set Sights on Satellite Sites

Director Jim Maddox will hold an informational meeting this afternoon for those students interested in attending Bread Loaf's sister program at Lincoln College, Oxford. The talk takes place at 5:00 in Barn 1. Students interested in attending any of Bread Loaf's summer sessions next year should fill out a reapplication form before they leave in order to reserve a space. Forms are available outside the Bread Loaf office; check with them for more details.

Students Stage Scenes

Four more students in this summer's Directing Workshop will present their final scenes this evening in the Burgess Meredith Little Theater. All members of the Bread Loaf community are invited to stop by and check out their work; the reactions of an actual audience adds a great deal to the projects. If you arrive during a scene, please be considerate and wait outside the theater until the next break is announced. Featured scenes this evening include (start times are approximate):

7:30	<i>Blind Date</i>	Dir. by Lea Banks
7:45	<i>Duet for Bear and Dog</i>	Dir. by Robbie Harold
8:00	<i>Tables and Chairs</i>	Dir. by Kelly Flanders
8:15	<i>A Navajo Ritual</i>	Dir. by Kyril Calsoyas

Alaskan Students' Display Today

This summer, Bread Loaf is pleased to have two students from the far-reaching frontier country of Alaska, and both have agreed to share some of that region's magic with our Mountain community. Mary Litchard will demonstrate the art of baleen basket weaving and offer some of her own artwork for sale; Norm Milks will present pictures from the Pribilof Islands far off the coast of the mainland. All are welcome to stop by and see their displays just after dinner (around 6:45) in the Blue Parlor. (Please note the change in time from yesterday's announcement.)

Staff Writers Strut Their Stuff

Three of Bread Loaf's stalwart staff members and published authors will read from their fiction and poetry this evening at 7:30 in Barn 1. Front Desk attendants John Mancuso and Peter Newton will demonstrate that their talents range far beyond selling stamps and transferring telephone calls, while *Crumb* Editor Hugh Coyle will offer a glimpse of the other things he writes during his summers here on the Mountain. All are invited to attend this special reading.

Waitstaff and Faculty Top Cruise and Kidman

The hype about orgiastic pleasures in Stanley Kubrick's 'Eyes Wide Shut' pales in comparison to the expectations surrounding Ed Brown's annual slide show in the Barn. Come see for yourself why this annual tradition both tickles the funny bone and tugs at the heart-strings all in one sitting. Ed offers three showings for your viewing pleasure: tonight at 9:30, tomorrow night at 9:00, and Thursday evening at 8:00.

Connecting the "Henriad"

Kurt Broderson has created an interactive, multimedia map of the "Henriad" on the computer in order to connect important settings found in the four plays with maps, commentary, and excerpts from the text. He will be premiering his project this evening at 7:00 in the Davison library conference room (upstairs). Susanne Wofford's Shakespeare class welcomes one and all to join them for his presentation.

Farewell Fare

Director Jim Maddox invites one and all to the official closing of the 1999 summer session at a banquet tomorrow evening in the dining hall at 6:00. Jim will speak on the summer past and offer parting words for those about to leave the Mountain. Students not on the meal plan should check with the Front Desk for tickets to the event.

Ye Official Royal Ballot

Prom King: _____

Prom Queen: _____

Deposit ye this your ballot in the box at the Front Desk.

Coronation Precedes Commencement

Seniors and students remaining on campus through Commencement weekend are reminded of Friday night's Senior Prom, the final dance of the 1999 summer session. Ballots for Bread Loaf's Prom King and Queen can be found on the front page and at the Front Desk, where the official voting box resides. Winners of this democratic monarchy selection will be announced around midnight on the eve of the prom. All are invited to attend the proceedings, which take place in the Barn from 10 PM until 1 AM-ish.

Commencement Festivities

Those staying on campus through Commencement weekend will be treated to a picnic-style lunch on Saturday to be held on the West Lawn at 12:45 PM. The commencement banquet will take place in the dining hall beginning at 6:00 PM, with the commencement ceremony itself starting shortly after the end of the meal (time approximate 8:15 PM) in the Burgess Meredith Little Theater. Following the conferring of the degrees, a reception in the Barn will honor and celebrate the newly-hatched graduates. All are welcome to come and pay tribute to the Bread Loaf Class of 1999.

Summer Sale Season Started

Once again this summer, Chris Brady of the library staff offers sweet souvenirs of the summer in the form of maple syrup and other products from his own Ghyll-Fen Farm. Check out his display in the library, and remember that Vermont's "liquid gold" makes an excellent gift for those waiting back home.

The crowds at the Book Store have died down somewhat after Heather Best was besieged by bargain-hunters Monday morning for the start of the Summer Sale. Most of what's left can be yours for 20% off through the end of the week. This offer does not apply to Commencement regalia, which seniors must pay for at the time of pick-up.

Computer Center Sets Session-End Schedule

Bread Loaf's Apple Cellar will remain fully functional through normal operating hours tomorrow. After that, the schedule is as follows: Thursday from 8:30 AM-12:30 PM and 2:00-4:00 PM only; Friday from 9:00-11:00 AM and 4:00-6:00 PM only. After that, the center will be shut down. Speak with Caroline Eisner ASAP if you foresee any problems with that schedule. Apple Cellar patrons are also prompted to pay for printing if they haven't already done so; collection boxes await your made-good debts.

For students wishing to remain in touch over the school year via BreadNet: instructions for downloading the necessary software can be picked up in the Apple Cellar as well as in CyberBarn on-line. A limited number of copies are available on CD and floppy disk for those unable to manage the download; check with a Computer Center staffer for more information.

Final Formalities

Bread Loafers are reminded to turn in their evaluation forms prior to leaving campus this week. Also, please be sure to check around your room and study spaces one last time for books which should be returned to the library. Overdue fines which are small at summer's end can grow quite large as the regular school year progresses; check with the library staff if you're worried about unreturned texts. Students shipping books, computers, and other such items home via UPS are reminded that packages will be accepted Wednesday and Thursday mornings only. Check with Ed immediately (i.e. today) if you anticipate problems. Also, be aware that Wednesday afternoon's van run to Middlebury will be the last of the session. Please schedule your late-week travels accordingly.

Banquet Basics

Students who will be on campus for the Commencement night banquet but who do not have seats reserved for them by a member of the senior class need to speak with Victoria at the front desk in order to reserve a space at the meal. Be ye warned: if you do not speak with Victoria, you will not be attending the banquet. Also, substitute waiters are still much in demand for the pre-graduation dinner; if you can help out by assuming one of these paid positions, please speak with Victoria ASAP.

Ride Providers

Students who can offer rides to and from popular destinations are asked to post their potential transportation offerings on the bulletin board outside the dining hall. Likewise, those in need of a ride should check the board regularly, and post their own needs as well. While we're on the subject, Sejal Sutaria needs a ride up to the Burlington airport by 9:30 AM on Sunday. If you can help her catch her flight, please be in touch with her ASAP.

Tip Time

At this time of year, as we all prepare to head back to our normal lives off the Mountain, it behooves us to look back on the past six weeks with gratitude and respect for those who have made our experiences here seem that much more magical. This includes the wonderfully hospitable Bread Loaf housekeeping staff, which worked extra hard to keep our buildings clean and presentable despite those late-night study sessions and impromptu parties, as well as the waitstaff, which kept us fed and carefully caffeinated throughout the summer. Tips, gifts, and other gratuities can be left for these diligent citizens at the Front Desk. These traditional offerings symbolize our heartfelt thanks to those often unseen yet always appreciated citizens of our Mountain community.



The Crumb Final Exam

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Today's Tidbits

"The woods are lovely,
dark and deep.
But I have promises to
keep,
And miles to go before I
sleep,
And miles to go before I
sleep."

--Robert Frost

Today's Events:

Senior reception: 5:00
PM, Frothingham
Closing Banquet: 6:00
PM, Dining Hall
Acting Scenes: 7:30
PM, Barn A
Slide Show: 9:00 PM,
Barn

Banquet Menu

Baked half duck with
sundried apricot and
raspberry glaze or
white bean and arti-
choke gratin in a pastry
puff; brown and wild
rice, asparagus, Parker
house rolls, and cheese-
cake with cherry top-
ping for dessert.

Weather Watch



Today

Mostly cloudy, chance
of rain; highs in 70s.

Tomorrow

Mostly cloudy with
chance of rain; highs
around 70.

Friday On

Partly cloudy; highs in
the mid 70s.

Final Exam

Readmission to Bread Loaf in summers to come is based on students' scores on the following final exam. This test is to be taken on the honor system; that is, students should allow themselves ten to twenty minutes to complete the exam, and submit the completed test along with their evaluation forms before they leave for the summer. Use only a number 2 pencil, and don't forget to write your name at the top of each page you submit.

Geography (1 point each)

Identify the location of the following using an "O" for Office, "F" for Front Desk, "L" for library, or "X" for non-existent.

Transcript request forms ____
Prom King/Queen Ballot Box ____
Gilmore housing request list ____
Housekeeping/Waitstaff tip drop-off ____
Rehearsal schedule for *Henry VIII* ____
Lost and found items ____
Copies of Poetry Prize-winning poems ____
Senior Banquet reservation list ____
Borrowed book returns (ASAP, please) ____
Readmission forms ____
Coffeeholics Anonymous sign-up ____
Candy dish donations ____
School photo pick-ups ____
Senior Summer 2000 list ____
Work study preference list ____

Fill in the Blanks (2 points each)

- Following last night's reviews of how much fun it was to watch, photographer Ed "_____" Brown will have an encore showing of his _____ at 9:00 tonight and tomorrow night at 8:00 in the Barn.
- Students who do not return their library _____ will suffer the glare of _____ from Brent Goeres and risk accruing overdue _____ into the fall.
- Students who do not yet have reserved _____ for the Senior Banquet risk eating

_____ that night if they don't talk to Victoria at the Front Desk soon.

- Seniors should pick up and pay for their caps and _____ in the Bookstore or risk being _____ at Commencement on Saturday.
- Beginning with breakfast tomorrow, meals in the dining hall will be walk-throughs until Saturday's banquet, so expect to have to _____ your own _____ and _____ your own _____ when you're _____.

Multiple Choice (5 points each)

- Choose the most *Crumb*-like headline:
 - Brady's Maple Sale Gives Gift-Givers Golden Opportunity for Sweet Souvenirs
 - Evidence Suggests Director's Predilection to Deliver Addresses at Dinner
 - New Rule in Prom Politics: Elected King Must Change Name to "Henry"
 - Chipmunks Chew Through Computer Cables in Search of *CyberCrumbs*
 - Seniors Go to Earthworm at 5 and Eat Stuff
- Young Gabbie Lezra has been trying to get his name in the *Crumb* all summer long. Which of the following offers the best possible means of achieving that goal?
 - Setting off bottle rockets from the Treman porch late at night.
 - Joy-riding with the theater staff in the all-terrain "Gator" late at night.
 - Dancing naked through the fields late at night.
 - Giving truly astonishing performances throughout the course of the "Henriad."
 - Constantly asking the *Crumb* Editor what it will take to get his name into the *Crumb*.
- Given the skies outside, how would you best forecast the Mountain's weather for today?
 - Some sun possible with a chance of precipitation, temperatures above freezing.
 - Sweatshirt and Gilligan hat weather; get yours in the Bookstore for 20% off.

Ye Official Royal Ballot

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Prom Queen: _____

Deposit ye this your ballot in the box at the Front Desk

- c. So foul and fair a day I have not seen.
- d. Mostly light throughout the day; increasing darkness throughout the evening and night.
- e. Who cares what the weather is, dude?! Rain or shine, we're gonna play Ultimate Frisbee tonight at 7:30!!

True/False (1 point each)

For the following, identify as either true (T) or false (F) :

1. You can download BreadNet off the Internet following instructions available at the Computer Center. ____
2. BreadNet is a creation of the baking staff here in the Bread Loaf kitchen. ____
3. BreadNet disks and CDs are available at the Computer Center for those who can't download the software. ____
4. You can visit with "Virtual Caroline" and "Real-Time Rocky" year-round while logged onto BreadNet. ____
5. Cyber-Peace Pops and Cyber-Egg Midd-Muffins now available in CyberBarn. ____

Class Acts (2 points each)

The Acting workshop will present their final scenes in Barn A starting at 7:30 this evening. Place an "X" next to the actual performances taking place:

- ____ Missy Wolf & Maya Pachnikova in "Antigone" by Jean Anouilh
- ____ Norm Milks & Shira Wohlberg in "Two" by Ron Elisha
- ____ Michael Cadden and Susanne Wofford in "Shakespeare-an Love" by Alan MacVey
- ____ Jill Loveless & Judy Kirkland in "A Perfect Analysis Given By A Parrot" by Tennessee Williams
- ____ Kathleen Judge and Trey Martin in "Waiting on Godot" by Samuel Beckett
- ____ Cora Ducolon & Ed McCarthy in "Let's Play Two" by Anthony Clarvoe
- ____ Paul Muldoon and David Huddle in "Rock'n'Roll Grad School" by Steve Earle and Jimi Hendrix
- ____ Bernie Saffo & Tim Phalen in "Night & Her Stars" by Richard Greenberg
- ____ Abra Chernik & Andrew Salverda in "Fool For Love" by Sam Shepard

Word Problems (20 points each)

1. Buffy has dreams of being Bread Loaf's Prom Queen, so she asks twelve of her friends to fill out three ballots apiece and stuff them in the ballot box at the Front Desk. Meanwhile, Tiffany asks twice as many friends to fill out one ballot apiece and stuff them in the box. Amber asks one third the number of Tiffany's friends to fill out two ballots apiece and stuff them in the box. Henrietta besieges a brace of draymen to fill out a tetrad of ballots apiece and stuff them in the box. No men ask their friends to stuff the ballot box because they've all learned that Henry will be coronated no matter what. When it comes time to announce the Prom King and Queen at the dance in the Barn on Friday night, who will end up wearing the crown?

2. Bread Loaf's Computer Center will be open for regular hours today, but tomorrow will only be open from 8:30 AM-12:30 PM and 2:00-4:00 PM Eastern Standard Time (EST). On Friday the computer room will be open from 9:00-11:00 AM EST and 4:00-6:00 PM EST, and on Saturday it won't be open at all. Devise a workable schedule for finishing late coursework. Don't forget to factor in time for checking e-mail, downloading BreadNet software, paying your printing debts, and surfing the Web for hot deals on travel to Vermont next summer.

Chronology (1 point each)

The events listed below are out of order. Put them in the appropriate chronology (using "1" for the earliest event) and adjust your schedule accordingly.

- ____ Commencement in the Theater.
- ____ Commencement Day Picnic on the West Lawn.
- ____ Post-Commencement Reception in the Barn.
- ____ Commencement Banquet in the Dining Hall.
- ____ Pre-Commencement Panic Attack in your room.

Literary Analysis (25 points)

Read the following and respond to the questions which follow.

Dearest Joseph:

How dreadful it feels to be saying goodbye to you, but alas I now fear I must. The berries have ripened and fallen from the bough, the cool northern winds bring harbingers of fall, the meadow across from the Inn has been mown, the monarch butterflies now wend their ways southward on their annual migration, and I have a teaching in-service meeting to attend next Tuesday. Still, I tremble, slightly breathless, to think back on all the pleasurable memories I shall bear with me from this place: our long walks through the woods, the songs we sang together in the Barn, the laughs we shared over cheesy meals at our usual table in the dining hall, the endless cups of coffee drunk on the porch as we worked on our projects. My heart feels stuffed to bursting with emotions at the moment—though again, it may be just the cheese—and offers up one hand in protest, beckoning me to tarry and linger a moment longer. But I must go, my experience now truly complete, and take with me such glorious gifts as ever I have received, foremost among them your friendship. Your sweet whisperings shall stir in my ear ever after, my tall and piney prince. This place has claimed my heart—and you, my soul.

With deepest affection always, E.

1. Given the facts presented in the letter, who might the mysterious "E." be?
2. The author depicts the recipient of the letter as "tall and piney." Discuss the symbolism inherent in such a description.
3. Place this work in the proper neo-historical sociocultural context, paying special attention to inter-narrative connections, subtextual echoes, and tetralogical tendencies implicit in the text.

Extra Credit: Discuss what you feel would be needed to make your Bread Loaf experience "truly complete." (If more space is needed, please use your evaluation form and turn it in to the office before leaving.)